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PREFACE

DURING the period covered by the second half of the Minutes Book, 1679–84, the position and privileges of the Company are challenged from every quarter, by the French, by English interlopers, and by New England adventurers. At the same time the Company is forced to pick a careful path through the maze of political and court intrigue.

It is this challenge to the Company which gives its character to the second half of the Minutes Book and makes the publication of the Book in two volumes something more than a mere editorial decision, dictated by exigencies of space.

Of the repercussions in the Bay there are but scanty, and at times confusing, accounts. The Minutes are naturally concerned with the London administration and its problems, and from the Minutes alone it would not be easy to piece together a narrative of events. It is, therefore, fortunate that Professor Clark should have had access to the Wynne Papers, at All Souls' College, Oxford, dealing with the French negotiations, and that during the year facilities have improved for consulting documents at the Public Record Office and at Somerset House.

From the records of the High Court of Admiralty it has proved possible to collect an appendix of documents dealing with the challenge from the English interlopers. This appendix is not a complete transcript of all the records of this interminable case; it is a selection of such documents as give a narrative of the affair or bring out the principles at issue.

The increasing accessibility of documents has been accompanied by few other improvements, and the problems of production remain as heavy as last year; difficulties of travel and cuts in light and fuel have, in fact, entrenched severely on the time available and have made the volume later than it would otherwise have been. It is, however, a sign of a return to more normal conditions that this volume has appeared within a year of its predecessor, and subscribers may anticipate a continuance of this programme of publication.

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INTRODUCTION[1]

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During its first eleven years the Hudson's Bay Company had to contend against seemingly endless difficulties and scored very few successes to set against them. It lost two ships and it paid no dividend. At last there came the winter of 1681-82 with its lucrative sale of furs ; but the Company was to learn that, if adversity is unpleasant, prosperity is dangerous. Rivals and competitors had been half-hearted so long as the Bay route seemed beset with perils and losses[2] but now they hurried in from every side to snatch at profits.

The Company's little fleet of five sail set out from Gravesend at the end of May, 1682. The Committee, down by the waterside, finished up the necessary business and adjourned till June 13.[3] On that day, when it met at Scriveners' Hall, it had to act at once. There was definite information that an interloper was making ready to sail for the Bay. Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward were desired to hire a coach for Windsor immediately, and pass on the news to the Governor, Prince Rupert. It is astonishing that the Company had not detected the preparations of its enemies sooner, for the principal contriver was Thomas Phipps the elder, and he was a marked man. Two years earlier he had attempted to seduce the

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[1] I must again thank Miss A. M. Johnson, whose thorough revision made a number of improvements in this Introduction.

[2] An example not previously mentioned in the volumes of this series is that of the abortive projects of the Elector of Brandenburg in 1681 referred to in *Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies*, 1685–1688, No. 2091.

[3] Where the narrative in the Introduction refers to the Minutes in such a way as to make reference to them a straight-forward matter, I have thought it better not to give page references. In the same way the facts about the *Expectation* (not *Experiment* as the Committee mistakenly wrote) may be followed without difficulty in Appendix A.

Company's servants from their loyalty, and for this he had been expelled from the Committee. Phipps, in partnership with a relation, John Phipps, and others owned the forty-ton ketch *Expectation*.[1] In place of her former master and part-owner, Alexander Jennings, she was commanded by Richard Lucas, formerly mate of the *Prince Rupert*, who was suspected of having secreted part of the cargo of the *Prudent Mary* when she was wrecked. His wages were £6 a month. Among his ship's company of ten or twelve there were three others who had been in the Company's employ. The cargo of guns, kettles, knives, cloth and so forth was made up to suit the trade, so that with the right kind of cargo, the right kind of ship and experienced men, the interlopers had, except for one thing, an excellent chance of success. The weak point was that they were starting late in the season.

Prince Rupert and the Company acted quickly. They petitioned the King " to grant an Order and Declaration in Councell in their favour " against " some persons . . . about to interrupt their trade ". That, however, involved them in a slow procedure, and, before the Council had referred the question of their rights to one of the Law Officers, who in turn was to consult the two Lords Chief Justices " to report whether the same may be granted by Law ",[2] they had taken measures to deal with the *Expectation* herself. They decided to buy another ketch of about fifty tons, to swear her master and mate to secrecy, and to send her in pursuit. Sir James Hayes and Mr. Weymans, with the master, were to have a free hand in the preparations. Five days later there was a Committee which these two were too busy to attend. Sir Christopher Wren took the chair, and there was " a long and serious Debate ". Those present thought that the late season was too hazardous, the time was " allready relapsed ", and they decided to proceed no further in this matter until Friday, July 14, when Sir James Hayes was expected to attend. On Friday the will of the Deputy Governor prevailed. The ketch was to go. A naval man,[1] Maximilian Keech, was appointed commander. He was to buy six guns. He was to receive £8 a month, reckoning thirteen months to the year " as the king payes ". The final arrangements were made on July 26 at the Rose Tavern outside Temple Bar. The captain and the crew were given two months' wages in advance. All the tradesmen's bills were paid. Captain Keech took away with him his own instructions and instructions to Governor Nixon to make sure of the other Thomas Phipps, the villain's cousin. He was the Company's storekeeper in the Bay, and might well be in the conspiracy. A commission signed by Prince Rupert as Vice-Admiral of England,[2] authorised the *James* to fly the King's jack.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 22d.

[2] *Acts of the Privy Council of England*, *Colonial Series*, *A.D.* 1680–1720, II, No. 86, July 13, 1682.

The *James* started on her voyage northabout, and then followed the calamity which Sir Christopher Wren and the others had foreseen. We do not know when or where or how it happened, but somewhere on her outward voyage, begun too late in the season, the *James* went down.

She need never have sailed. The interloping ketch sneaked down the Channel as far as Dartmouth, where she took in victuals for a voyage of seventeen months. From there she set a straight course for the Bay, but the wind proved contrary. Partly for this reason and partly because " the Season was farr spent ", Alexander Jennings, who was on board as supercargo, ordered Captain Lucas to return to Dartmouth. The crew were paid off and the ship was laid up for the winter. The interlopers were not deterred by anything they had heard of the Company's efforts. In April, 1683, Lucas again took charge of the ship. About the beginning of July he entered Hudson Strait. Thirty leagues short of Cape Charles he fell in with the Company's ship *Diligence*, Captain Nehemiah Walker, also on his outward voyage. The *Expectation* had the worst of the encounter. Captain Walker made prisoners of the interloper's crew and put a crew of his own on board. He was heard to say that he had a good mind to sink her ; but he did his best to convey her to Charlton Island. She went aground and was lost. Captain Walker was unhappy; according to the prisoners he said this might well be his ruin. How he and the Company, Lucas and his crew and their owners would come out of it all, no one in the Bay could tell. When the *Diligence* came home with her prisoners in the autumn of 1683 the Committee judged that Walker had managed the affair badly and suspended him. The lawyers got to work on unravelling the tangle.

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[1] See p. 14, n. 1.

[2] That is, not as holding the rank of Vice-Admiral in the modern sense, but as second to the Lord High Admiral, whose office, at this date, was held by Lords Commissioners.

The interlopers brought an action for some £1,600, the supposed value of their ship and cargo, against Walker and the Company. They represented themselves as innocent traders, and they denied that the Company's Charter, with its exception in favour of previously existing rights, had the effect of making their enterprise illegal. The case was heard by the Court of Admiralty, which sat at Doctors' Commons, near St. Paul's Cathedral. Doctors' Commons was the home of the "civilians", the practitioners of Roman civil law, and it is a survival from their days that probate, divorce and admiralty practice are still associated together although their special law and procedure have disappeared. Doctors' Commons is chiefly remembered because David Copperfield was articled there to the firm of Spenlow and Jorkins. Even in the seventeenth century it was away from the main stream of legal business, but, perhaps luckily for the Company, Sir Christopher Wren had a personal link with it. As a young man he had been a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and All Souls had a special connection with the civil law.[1] Among the Fellows a few years junior to Wren were Sir Richard Lloyd, Dr. Thomas Bouchier and Dr. William Trumbull, three of the leading civilians of the time.[2] The Committee may have had this personal connection in mind when, during one of Sir James Hayes' absences, it entrusted Sir Christopher with the duty of interviewing Mr. Randolph and an Admiralty lawyer of his own choosing.[1]

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[1] It is merely a consequence that the Wynne papers, which include several manuscripts relating to the Hudson's Bay Company's troubles with the French are in the library at All Souls. They are among the papers of Sir Leoline Jenkins, the Secretary of State, himself an Oxford man and a Civilian of Doctors' Commons, and came to the College in the eighteenth century.

[2] [C. Coote], *Sketches of the Lives and Characters of Eminent English Civilians* (London, 1804), pp. 87–91.

The various suits brought against Nehemiah Walker and the members of the Committee caused a great deal of commotion. Not only Walker, but Mr. Letten, Mr. Weymans and the Secretary were arrested and bail had to be found for them. On the other hand the Company brought its own action against the interlopers. Lane, who was a deserter from the Company's service, was imprisoned, and reduced to a miserable condition. Both he and Lucas came over to the Company's side and swore the affidavits that were wanted for exposing the designs of their employers. It is difficult to believe that there was any legal force in the main argument used against the Company's monopoly : that it was in conflict with the general privilege of trade and exploration in unknown lands granted in the charters of Philip and Mary and Queen Elizabeth to the Muscovy Company. This point, at any rate was decided in favour of the Hudson's Bay Company. The records of the trials, although they are of little interest from the point of view of the substance of the law, give a picture of the antiquated, but not unreasonable, procedure of the Court, its exchanges of written documents, and the curious question asked of the witnesses as to when they last took the sacraments according to the rites of the Church of England. The answers are curious too : they show that the seafaring men of London were by no means all alike in their religious persuasions, or in anything else. In the end, after spending some hundreds of pounds on legal expenses, the Company succeeded in the defence of its privileges, but it seems to have recovered very little in the way of costs or damages. But, if the London interlopers had failed in their attack, it was partly because the Company's trade was now involved in far more serious troubles. Before we turn to these, however, we must notice some personal matters.

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[1] See p. 127.

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In the minutes in this volume three men are mentioned who were leading figures in the almost revolutionary crisis through which the City of London and the Kingdom were hurried in these years, Alderman Cornish, the Earl of Shaftesbury, and the Duke of York.[1] Shaftesbury, once a powerful minister at the heart of the "imperialist" or rather commercial, movement of which the Company was a product, had ceased to be a stockholder and left no trace behind him except the ill-fated ship that bore his name. He was now the leader of the reckless Whig opposition, which aimed at excluding the King's brother, the Duke of York, from the succession to the throne. The Duke had withdrawn from the troubled kingdom and was in Scotland, awaiting his opportunity. In 1680 Henry Cornish, one of Shaftesbury's supporters, was elected Sheriff of London. He had held some of the Company's stock for about nine months while Shaftesbury still had money in it; he had again become an adventurer a few months after Shaftesbury sold out in July, 1679; and now, on March 13, 1682, he increased his holding to £550.[2] Although there is not a word of it in the records, we can be certain that for nearly two years the members of the Committee, as they watched the great contest for power in the nation, must have remembered Cornish and his holding, and their former connection with Shaftesbury, and their thoughts may have been embarrassed if not apprehensive.

In May, 1681, the King refused to receive a deputation from the City because Cornish was a member of it. In July Shaftesbury was arrested and charged with high treason. A London Grand Jury set him free, but that was the last success of his losing cause. In the spring of 1682 the Duke of York rejoined the King and became again the second man in the kingdom in power as he was in rank. In November Henry Cornish was defeated in the election of the Lord Mayor. On the twenty-fifth of that month, at the customary time, the Hudson's Bay Company held its annual Court at the customary place, Prince Rupert's lodgings in Spring Gardens. The Prince had come up from Windsor as usual, perhaps specially for the meeting, but he was not present; he lay ill of a fever and pleurisy in another room in the house.[1] That was Saturday. On the Tuesday Shaftesbury fled the country, a beaten man. On Wednesday Prince Rupert died.

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[1] Except where other references are given the facts referred to in connection with the careers of these three men are to be found in the articles on them in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

[2] See p. 72, n. 1.

The old hero of so many fights on land and sea, with his high station, his many interests, and his chequered, adventurous memories, had stood up for the Company well. Now they had to find a successor when they and the City and England were meeting heavy weather. It was not easy. The Committee did not come to a decision until its sixth meeting after the loss. After the second meeting the Deputy Governor, Sir James Hayes, was out of town for a week or so. Possibly he was taking soundings among great men. On December 30 the Committee ordered that a General Court should be summoned for ten o'clock in the morning on the following Wednesday for the purpose of choosing a Governor. They probably knew by this time whom they were going to choose, but, the day before the General Court, the Committee discussed procedure. Were they to ballot or should the Deputy Governor " propose a person to the Compa."? We do not know whether the Deputy Governor wished to do it in this way, which no doubt would have given him credit in the eyes of the new Governor; at any rate the Committee decided " that the Compa. should proceed in their usuall method by bringing in their votes & putt them into the Ballating Glass ". Next morning they duly met, to the number of eleven, including the Earls of Craven and Berkeley and Sir Christopher Wren, and they elected *nemine contradicente* the second man in the kingdom, His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Sir James Hayes, Sir Christopher Wren, Squire Yonge and Mr. William Walker attended on his Royal Highness with the notice of this election, humbly desiring his acceptance and that he would take the Company under his patronage and protection. The Duke accepted and asked for a copy of the Charter ; Sir James Hayes was instructed to present it. In the spring of 1683 he attended again with a batch of instructions for the Company's servants, asking the Duke to sign them ; but His Royal Highness, who was already head of the Royal Africa Company and the Royal Fishery Corporation, acquainted Sir James that he never signed any orders or papers of any Company he was Governor of, so that a formula had to be drawn up for the Secretary to sign by the Governor's command.

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[1] [S. Clarke], *The Historian's Guide* (London, 1690), p. 148.

The Company had placed itself firmly on the winning side in the political strife ; but there were little incidents to remind it that it might easily have been too closely connected with the other. Alderman Cornish was still a stockholder. Perhaps it was only a coincidence that a few weeks after the Duke of York had been chosen Governor, Sir James Hayes informed the Committee that Cornish had disposed of his stock. He had actually sold only part of it, and he retained the greater part until July, 1683, two months after he was convicted of riot at the election of Sheriffs, and heavily fined. His connection with the Company ended then. When the Duke became King, Cornish suffered death as a traitor, unjustly, the historians tell us. Memories must have been stirred at Hudson's Bay House, as they were stirred at another time by an echo of Shaftesbury's membership. Far away in the Bay Governor Nixon had news of the English crisis no oftener than once a year ; and he was grateful to the nobleman who had introduced him to the Company's service. When the *Diligence* came home in the autumn of 1682 she brought a papoose skin, sealed up and addressed to the Earl of Shaftesbury. It may have come too late to reach the Earl before he died in exile.

In 1683 there was another notable personal change : Sir Christopher Wren was not re-elected to the Committee. There is nothing to indicate the reason for this. Possibly Wren had not forgiven Sir James Hayes for his behaviour over the *James* ketch, but his many occupations and his lack of special knowledge of trading matters may sufficiently explain why he dropped out. What is remarkable is not that he ceased to be a member but that he ever found time for the work. We get a characteristic glimpse of him in this volume, choosing the shutters, bolts and locks for the warehouse.[1] No doubt his retirement had been arranged beforehand, for the man chosen in his place was obviously fitted to act as second to Sir James Hayes, whom he eventually succeeded as Deputy Governor. This was Sir Edward Dering. He was a member of an ancient and honourable family in Kent, but a City knight.

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The interlopers failed in their attempt to compete with the Company from an English base ; but there was a better chance for anyone who could start from an American port. Numbers of seafaring men along the coasts of the British Colonies knew about the Bay and its opportunities. In the autumn of 1681 Pierre Esprit Radisson, disappointed of Frontenac's official permission to make establishments in the direction of Hudson Bay, was allowed to go to New England, with a view to revisiting France. He took with him three companions, one of whom was his nephew Jean Baptiste Chouart, the son of des Groseilliers.[2] It would be surprising if Radisson, for the time being thwarted in his ambitions, kept his own counsel, and, if he did, it is unlikely that all the others were secretive. At any rate it is clear from the sequel that in the winter of 1681-82 there were New Englanders who knew, through one channel or another, that the Company had come over to Radisson's master-idea, the idea that the best way to the greatest supplies of beaver was by Port Nelson. This may be the reason why Captain Zachariah Gillam reappeared in the Company's affairs. We cannot be sure, for his movements in 1681 seem to be unrecorded ; at any rate, on January 11, 1682, he presented himself to the Committee and offered to serve the Company in any capacity. The Committee considered that he had been an old servant of the Company, and had done it good service in the past.[1] It was under his command that the *Prince Rupert* sailed in the spring. His behaviour before she sailed was not quite that of the model servant,[2] and there was a good deal in his past record besides faithful service. He was the son of a Boston shipbuilder and merchant, and he was now nearer fifty than forty years old. As a young man he commanded the *Nonsuch* ketch on the first of all the English Hudson Bay trading voyages, and he commanded the *Prince Rupert* on her first three journeys ; but after that he was in and out of various sea employments in England and America.[3] It appears that he was dismissed from the Company's service for engaging in private trade.[4] One writer suggests that when he landed the cargo of arms with which the Culpeper rebellion started he was working off a grudge against some of the Committee who were also " proprietors " of North Carolina.[5]

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[1] See p. 25.

[2] G. L. Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness* . . . (New York, 1943), p. 179.

We have no evidence that the Committee suspected Gillam of bad faith until more than a year after his re-engagement. Then they received the first incomplete instalments of the most astonishing story that ever came through their letter-bags. Gillam's son Benjamin had fitted out the *Bachelor's Delight*, fifty tons, in New England, and had sailed as an interloper for the Bay. He was back again in Boston. They had no news of Zachariah Gillam himself, nor of the Gillam's kinsman Captain Ezbon Sandford and his *Albemarle* ; but they immediately concluded that all three might be villains. They requested Sir James Hayes to prepare a power of attorney empowering some person at Boston to seize on "Young Gillam", who had arrived there, and also the other two if by any chance they should arrive. Sir James was also to procure a letter from the Privy Council's Committee for Trade and Plantations enlisting the support of the Governor of New England.[1] An official letter, in the King's own name, was in due course, if not very expeditiously, extracted from the clerk to the Privy Council,[2] and the case was also put to Simon Bradstreet, the Governor of Massachusetts (not all New England) in a letter from Sir James Hayes and another from Joseph Dudley and John Richards, who were in London as Agents for New England.[3] For the letter of attorney[4] Edward Randolph was the very man. He was an Englishman who had held the office of Collector and Surveyor of Customs for New England. For the last six years he had been battling against the evasions of the customs and navigation laws, which involved him in attacks on the leading inhabitants and the colony.[5] He seems to have taken up this commission against the Gillams and New England interlopers in general with zeal. Off he sailed to America in August with all the papers.[6] Exactly what he did when he got there does not appear, but it was good service, and in 1684, when he was back in London, the Committee rewarded it with a tankard bearing the Company's arms, costing £10, which in those days would pay for a handsome piece.[7]

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[1] H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries], Vol. VIII, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company* 1679–1684, *First Part*, 1679–82 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1945, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1945), p. 170.

[2] Ibid., p. 226.

[3] H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries], Vol. V, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company* 1671–1674 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1942, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1942), p. 229.

[4] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 192.

[5] This is the view of Miss L. F. Browne, *The First Earl of Shaftesbury* (New York, 1933), pp. 176–77. She does not, however, cite authorities for it, or name these proprietors. It must be remembered that gun-running is a trade like any other, and there is no such suggestion in the account of Gillam given by the late C. M. Andrews in *The Colonial Period of American History* (Newhaven, 1937), III, 226–27.

By the time of this presentation, the affair of the *Bachelor's Delight* had receded into the past, and become a mere trifle in comparison with the other complications that had arisen. Only a few days before, the story had taken another dramatic turn, but from the autumn of 1683 the Committee knew that something much more serious had happened in the Bay than an incursion by a New England vessel. The *George* ketch brought home letters in October which told most of the story, though, however many of the facts were there, they raised a number of questions which no one in London could answer yet.[1] Benjamin Gillam had arrived at Port Nelson. When he had spent about a month near the mouth of the Nelson River his people had stumbled upon another party, led by no other than Radisson himself. Radisson's expedition, financed by la Chenaye and others and partly from Canada and partly from France, had left its rendezvous at Percée Rock, off the Gaspé Peninsula, in the spring. The leader, with his nephew, using his unequalled knowledge of the country and the Indians, had been up the Hayes River towards Lake Winnipeg and made his arrangements for trade. Now he joined forces with his old acquaintance Gillam, whom he deceived about everything that might make him hesitate.

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[1] See p. 116.

[2] See pp. 129–33. Copy in [Hudson's Bay Company Archives] A.6/1, fo. 40. Subsequent classification numbers refer to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives.

[3] See pp. 119, 129. Copy in A.6/1, fo. 37. For an account of their business see H. E. Egerton, *A Short History of British Colonial Policy* 1606–1909 (London, 1913), pp. 95–7.

[4] Copy in A.6/1, fos. 38–9.

[5] *Dictionary of National Biography.*

[6] See pp. 126–28.

[7] See pp. 229, 246.

No sooner was this settled than the next surprise came : the *Prince Rupert*, Captain Zachariah Gillam, cast anchor off Port Nelson, with John Bridgar, commissioned as Governor for the Company's projected station there. How much collusion there had been between the two Gillams never came out ; for in October the *Prince Rupert* was forced off shore by the ice which crushed and sank her, with Zachariah Gillam and some of his men. Zachariah had been dead for nine or ten months when Randolph was empowered to seize him. Governor Bridgar survived. Using bluff and cunning Radisson made both him and Benjamin Gillam prisoners, burnt down Gillam's house and the Governor's, and hoisted the French flag.[2] In the spring of 1683 Bridgar's men were allowed to leave for the Bottom of the Bay in des Groseillier's bark, to join the Company's servants there, but Bridgar himself was carried off to Quebec in the *Bachelor's Delight*. There they arrived in

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[1] See p. 141.

[2] *Cal. S.P., Col. Series, America and West Indies*, 1685–1688, Nos. 2080, 2082.

October, 1683; but the French authorities released the ship and, presumably, she sailed home to Boston.[1]

This was the story that came through partly from the Bay in the *George* ketch in October, partly from Boston later on. But the first great question was, what and who was behind it all? Was Radisson adventuring on his own account, or for richer men in Canada and France, or did this mean that the French Government was moving, and the Company's greatest danger was at last coming to a head?

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The French government had formally challenged the Company's claims, but in a way that left open the possibility of a graceful retreat, and did not necessarily imply that there would be full official support for Canadian attempts to oppose the Company's trade. The different authorities in Quebec and in Paris by no means agreed about the advantages of the fur trade in general nor about the merits of different plans for promoting it. The almost tentative character of the first English diplomatic approach may well reflect the indecisiveness of the superiority which the more energetic policy had gained for the time being. It was made in January, 1683, when, unknown to the Committee in London, Radisson was wintering at Port Nelson, after his eventful summer season.

The French ambassador, Monsieur de Barillon, handed in to the Secretary of State, Sir Leoline Jenkins, "as a memoriall of complainte", but apparently without any covering memorial of his own, which would have committed his masters to supporting the complaint, an extract from a letter written on November 11 in the previous year by J. A. Lefebvre, sieur de la Barre, Frontenac's successor as Governor of New France. This letter stated that the Company was beginning to make " des habitations " in the territories of which the King of France had taken possession more than twenty years before and announced that although Monsieur de la Barre did not intend to disturb its sea commerce, if they pushed forward their " Mechants petits forts ", as they were doing, on His Majesty's territory, in order to debauch " nos Indiens ", he would have them driven out, which would be easy since they were very weak ; but he wished His Britannic Majesty to be made aware that nothing would be done to his displeasure unless the Governor was compelled to do it.[1]

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[1] I have followed in the main the full account of these events in Chapter XV of Miss Nute's book. The owners of the *Bachelor's Delight* reappear as aggrieved parties with claims against the French in the autumn of 1684: *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series, A.D.* 1680–1720, II, No. 161.

Sir James Hayes drafted an answer, the Committee approved it, and it was submitted to King Charles II.[2] It was short and effective. It recited that no French subjects had ever made discoveries in the Bay ; that Charles Fort had been occupied for more than fifteen years and that subsequently other forts had been erected on the coasts of the Bay in places more remote from Canada, all without the least complaint from the French. It expressed the hope that the King would protect the Company in defending his and its own rights, and annexed to it there was a copy of the friendly letter in which Frontenac commended Father Albanel to the Company's servants when he set out, with whatever double-minded intentions, to cross the height of land on his visit to them in 1673.[3] The Secretary of State made such a reply as the Committee desired.[4]

There was no reason to expect that Charles II would leave his subjects in the lurch ; but they cannot have foreseen clearly whether Louis XIV did or did not intend to back up some aggression against them. They may have guessed that Radisson had left France for America with a secret design ; they may not have suspected that he had the blessing of the great Colbert ;[5] but they must have assumed that, whatever he was doing, he was likely to be supported by Monsieur de la Barre. In the spring of 1683 they had to draw up their instructions for Henry Sergeant, who was going out as "Governour and chiefe Commander of the Hudsons Bay Compa. within the Bay" and they inserted an unequivocal paragraph: "We know we have severall sorts of Enemies which we must take care to guarde our selves against & which will be the constant excercise of your Dilligence and Courage. In the first place the French of Canada . . . you must looke upon them as a standing Enemey from whom you are never to expect any Friendship or faire Dealeing & therefore you cannot be to Jealous of them But must alwaies be on your guarde to prevent any of their Designes either of fraude or force".[1]

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[1] A copy of the extract is given in A.6/1, fo. 26. There is a summary dated November 11, 1680, in *Cal. S. P., Col. Series, America and West Indies* 1685–1688, No. 2072, where it begins the series of summaries of the papers relating to the dispute.

[2] See p. 67.

[3] A.6/1, fos. 26–7.

[4] Copy in A.6/1, fo. 36–36d. See p. 67, n. 2.

[5] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 178.

They thought the dangerous points were Rupert River and Hayes Island, the places nearest to Canada, and they warned Sergeant that Frenchmen might infiltrate into them, coming (like Father Albanel) with professions of friendship. What must their astonishment have been when they learnt in the following autumn that a year before this was written, Radisson had succeeded in his "insolent invasion" at Port Nelson, in the rear of their communications. Yet when the news of his successes came, it was already clear that he was entangled in difficulties. The *Bachelor's Delight* had been released. He and his business associates were on their way to France. Their rights, if they had any, were to be adjudicated upon by the constituted authorities, and these authorities were accessible to representations from the farmer of the domainial rights in New France, who was no friend to direct trade between Port Nelson and La Rochelle. And Colbert had died in August. Sir James Hayes went to work. He wrote to Sir John Werden, the secretary of the Governor of the Company, the Duke of York. He thought that if the French could be kept away during the coming spring, the Company could make itself strong enough to resist future attacks. In his letter he underlined the words: "my opinion is that nothing can more conduce to our Preservation at this tyme then to get his

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 28.

Maties. orders to my Ld. Preston Instantly to presse the French King to cause Exemplary Justice to be done upon the sayd Radisson ". If the French refused this, it would prove that their intentions were hostile, and if the Duke would make the King sensible of the danger, " I am in confident hopes ", Sir James wrote, " we may at this Juncture be rescued out of the Jawes of the French Leviathan."[1]

The counter offensive was begun in proper method. The Company petitioned the King ;[2] it provided affidavits establishing the facts,[3] Sir Leoline Jenkins handed a memorial to the French ambassador,[4] and on January 11, 1684, the British ambassador, Lord Preston, presented to Louis XIV himself at Versailles, a memorial sent out by the Secretary of State.[5] The King referred the matter to Seignelay, a son of Colbert, but not his equal in power or ability, who was now the minister concerned with these matters. Preston anticipated difficulties from French territorial claims and claims to prior discovery and occupation : he asked for maps and narratives the explorations.[6] He gave Seignelay a supplementary memorial naming Radisson as the head and leader of the mischief, and demanding his punishment.[7] Radisson was now in Paris, and in Paris other qualities than courage and woodcraft were needed. Behind the scenes there were intrigues to thwart the plans of Monsieur de la Barre, the Jesuits and the explorers. In April the King decided two main points against them. First he ordered all merchants or inhabitants of New France who might secure furs at Hudson Bay, Percée Rock or other places, with the single exception of Acadia, to take them to Quebec and pay one fourth to the *fermier*. That put an end to the chances of profit. Then, after a reminder from Preston, he left orders with Seignelay " to signify his pleasure to the Governor of Canada that the French should restore the possession of Port Nelson, and of all which they had violently taken from the English ".[1] That extinguished the plan for opening a new trade up the Hayes River. But there was still the unanswered demand for Radisson's punishment.

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[1] See p. 190, n. 1.

[2] Copy in A.6/1, fo. 42–42d.

[3] Copies in A.6/1, fo. 41–41d. See p. 191, n. 1.

[4] Copy in A.6/1, fo. 43–43d.

[5] See p. 190, n. 2. That is January 1 by the English calendar.

[6] Preston's important letter of January 19 (January 9, English style), printed with omissions in *Seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Part I. Report and Appendix* (London, 1879), p. 295. Preston remembered having read the narratives of Hudson, Button, Baffin, Nelson and Fox in England. On January 26 Hayes sent to Jenkins, with his observations on Preston's memorial, a map and several journals. (*Cal. S. P.*, *Col. Series*, *America and West Indies*, 1685–1688, No. 2097).

[7] See p. 191, n. 2. Jenkin's copies of the memoranda, with Preston's signature, are in All Souls MS., ccliv, fos. 138ff.

The newly appointed Governor of Montreal, whose plans for Canada were opposed to those of de la Barre and perfectly compatible with the recent royal decisions, was looking forward to valuable assistance from Radisson and his friends, but if there were flaws in the character of Radisson, tame submissiveness to ungrateful employers was not among them. He was in touch with a Huguenot lawyer named Godet, who was in the habit of relieving his financial embarrassments by making himself useful to the British embassy, and, through Godet and other intermediaries, he tested the chances of finding a friendly response in that direction.

In May the great men were not paying much attention to his affairs : Seignelay was away in Toulon, and then Preston also left Paris. Godet acted on his own responsibility. He quietly took Radisson to Dieppe.[2] It was ten days before they could get away from there ; but when the Company's Committee met on May 12 they heard the astounding news that Mr. Peter Esprit Radisson had taken the oath of fidelity to the Company. Godet had handed him over to Sir James Hayes and Mr. Yonge ; they had carried him to Windsor and presented him to the King [3] and the Duke. Radisson had undertaken to go to Port Nelson and peaceably withdraw the party he had left in possession. They had re-engaged him for £50 a year and " the Benefitt " of £200 stock, the latter during his good behaviour in the service, with £25 for an outfit for the coming expedition to Port Nelson, and a promise of £1 a week for his brother-in-law, des Groseilliers, if he should come over from France. Mr. Weymans at the time was quarrelling with his colleagues about his claims under the charter party as part-owner of the *George*,[1] and he did not approve, but the rest of the Committee voted the immediate payment of the £25 as a gratuity.[2] The Committee could not do too much for Radisson. He was to have fresh provisions at Deal on the outward voyage, and they cost almost as much as Randolph's tankard.[3] The happy reunion did not end with this, for Radisson afterwards married the daughter of Godet,[4] and they lived happily ever after, or at least Radisson survived his many adventures until the reign of Queen Anne, without breaking his oath of fidelity, and his widow still lived for many years.

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[1] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 211–12. See p. 191, n. 2.

[2] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 207–19.

[3] A.6/1, fo. 51d.

Thus, by the end of the time which this volume covers, the French danger seemed to have receded again, but it was not long before it seemed as bad as ever. The French had done the Company much damage in the Bay ; how much they did not know, but they feared that when the ships came home in the autumn the state of their affairs would prove to be deplorable. It might be so bad that the King and his advisers would no longer think the Company worth helping. In August Sir James Hayes was among the elms of his wife's country estate, Great Tew in Oxfordshire, ever famous as the home of her first father-in-law, Lucius Cary, Viscount Falkland. News came to London that de la Barre intended to reinforce his invasion both by sea and by land. Sir James received a letter signed by all the seven other members of the Committee, unanimously, almost abjectly, entreating him to go down to Winchester, where the King was and, choosing his own method, to act before it was too late.[5] Down he went, and put in a petition to the King.[1] A petition from the Company followed,[2] and the new Secretary of State for the Southern Department, the Earl of Sunderland, sent it on to Lord Preston, instructing him, exactly as the Company asked, to demand reparation for the past and a prohibition of any disturbances of the Company's rights in the future by vessels sailing into Hudson Strait from Canada.[3] The outcome must have seemed uncertain enough. There would be diplomatic arguments about the rights of the two countries, and interminable wranglings about the geography of the early voyages of discovery. There would be collisions and outrages in the Bay.[4] As yet no one could foresee what world wide wars would break out and run their course before the rivalry in Hudson Bay could subside.

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[1] See pp. 124, 164, 181.

[2] See pp. 240–41.

[3] See pp. 246, 249.

[4] Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 208. The marriage was by licence of the Bishop of London ; but, as it was within his jurisdiction this does not, as Miss Nute implies, connect the Bishop personally with the marriage.

[5] August 27, 1684. Copy in A.6/1, fo. 50d.

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It was not only from English, French and American interlopers that the Company suffered expense and losses in these years. There were other setbacks to disappoint their cheerful expectations after the five ships sailed in May, 1682. In September the *Diligence*, which had gone out in the previous year to winter in the Bay, duly reappeared in the Downs, with a full cargo of skins.[5] A sale was at once arranged for October 31,[6] but the furriers could not get their sorting finished in time, so the sale was postponed until November 15. In the meantime the other two hired ships, the *Friendship* and the *Lucy*, had come home.[7]

The minutes show in considerable detail the sellers' preparations for the sale. They wanted to offer a proportion of small lots of beaver containing one hundred skins, but the furriers said there was no time for such sorting, so that there were only the customary lots of two hundred, which, perhaps, left the buying to the larger men who could resell in smaller quantities. Everything the Company had, including the sweepings of the warehouse from the previous year, went into the sale. A rebate of one per cent. was allowed for payment before December 1, and the buyer, not the Company, was to have the benefit of any customs drawback on re-exportation. Three dozen of claret and three dozen of sack were ordered for the dinner, which seems to have been adequate, since the buyers and the sellers' party can scarcely have numbered three dozen altogether. As there had been complaints in the previous year that some of the lots had been altered after the auction, better arrangements for binding them up were announced, and further the buyers were told that the Company expected no other goods this year, that they would not sell any other goods before the following Michaelmas than those now offered, and they would not set up the coat beaver in that next sale at any higher price than that of the present sale.[1] It is evident that they were afraid of a buyer's market, and possibly the buyers hoped that some interloper might be able to undersell the Company in London or elsewhere. In spite of all the precautions the sale did not go well. The bids rose a little above the upset prices but they were well below those of February, 1680. Some of the goods, including the sweepings and most of the coat beaver, were unsold. The takings amounted to £6,028 15*s.* 7*d.*, with another £150 or so for otter skins which Mr. Weymans afterwards sold privately.[2]

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[1] September 25, 1684. Copy in A.6/1, fos. 51–2.

[2] November 21, 1684. Copy in A.6/1, fo. 52–52d.

[3] Extract from letter of December 1, 1684. Copy in A.6/1, fo. 52d.

[4] We cannot tell whether it was this prospect or the generally unsuitable conditions that caused the Committee to revoke its permission to Mrs. Verner to accompany her husband, and to order that no woman was to go out. See pp. 224, 230.

[5] See p. 23, and p. 26, n.1.

[6] See p. 25.

[7] See p. 34.

A second attempt was made in March, 1683, to sell the coat beaver and some oddments ; but, although even more was done to make the terms attractive, this sale was a failure. No coat beaver seems to have been sold, and the proceeds amounted to only £249 5*s.* 10*d.*[1] The programme for trading operations in 1683 had already been settled. Two ships were to be hired, one for the Bottom of the Bay and the other for Port Nelson. For the former destination the *Diligence* was hired again, and for the latter the *George* ketch, a vessel of sixty tons, of which Gerrard Weymans was part owner.[2] They both completed their voyages out and home in the season. The *Diligence* had a rather bigger cargo than the year before :[3] the *George* was laden with very few skins and, as we have seen, with very bad news.

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[1] See pp. 37–48.

[2] See p. 47, n. 1, pp. 51, 58, and *H.B.S.*, VIII, 320–27. The purchaser of the otter skins, " Mr. Ger. Van Heighhuson " is evidently of Dutch origin, but it does not appear whether he lived in England or in Holland.

Shortly before the ships arrived Sir James Hayes reported that he had now received from Mr. Byfield, the furrier, an account of what beaver had been imported from Christmas 1681 to Christmas 1682. The figures were 2,472 beaver skins and 1,030 beaver wombs. They evidently relate to imports other than those of the Company, and, as Sir James was desired to bring them to the attention of the Commissioners of Customs, and to " be earnest wth. them to prevent the like in the future " it is clear in the first place that, in whole or in part, they stand for imports contrary to the Navigation Laws, presumably from France, or Holland or both, and in the second place that the Committee was alarmed at the effect this competition was likely to have on their sales.[4] Before deciding whether they would get a better response by offering all their stock or by holding some of it back, they consulted Mr. Byfield again, and on his advice they decided to put into the autumn sale the coat beaver that was still in the warehouse, and everything else except the coat beaver newly arrived. The reserve price for coat beaver, which had been 12*s.* 6*d.* a pound the year before was brought down to 11*s.* 0*d.*, and of the other prices only that for parchment beaver remained at its old level.[1] The result was even worse than in the previous year. We do

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[1] See pp. 72, 75–82. It was about two months after this failure, and presumably after some definite information about the importing of beaver from Europe that the Committee authorised Sir James Hayes to petition the King in Council to order the Commissioners of Customs to enforce the Navigation Laws strictly in this matter (see p. 109). The petition cannot be traced.

[2] See pp. 70, 74, 75, 84, 87.

[3] See p. 145, notes 1 and 2.

[4] See p. 139. As they are given for the Customs year (see G. N. Clark, *Guide to English Commercial Statistics* 1696–1782 (London, 1938), p. 12), and not for the period from the Company's last sale, we may presume that they were official Customs figures. That they do not include the Company's own imports is certain, because they represent only a fraction of the quantity landed from the *Diligence* (p. 26, n.1). In his periodical *A Collection of Letters for the Improvement of Husbandry and Trade* (1682–3), i, 153ff., 169ff. John Houghton, F.R.S., gave two sets of figures which overlap with those supplied by Byfield by two months and continue down to March 1, 1683. They are taken from the printed Bills of Entry (for which see Clark, *Guide to English Commercial Statistics*

1696–1782, pp. 43–4) and may therefore be described as semi-official but almost certainly agreeing with the official Customs records. The classification of skins is different from that used in the Company's papers, and it is impossible to be sure from the dates whether the first set of figures does not include some part of the cargoes of the *Diligence*, *Friendship* and *Lucy*; but, even if the second set also includes some of these, they seem to indicate considerable imports from other sources. Possibly further light may be shed on this question by surviving Bills of Entry or records of other sales. Extracts from Houghton's figures are given below.

29 October 1682–1 February 1682/3		1 February 1682/3–1 March 1683	
Isinglas li 88			
Slude li 130			
Martin-Tayles	1500		
Skins Beaver	2515	Skins Beaver	16280
Wombs, Beaver	150	Wombs, Beaver	12
Otter	298	Otter	2071
Fox	503	Fox	649
Musquash	769	Musquashes	1646
		Squash	1229
Marten	1	Martin Timber	333
Minks	148	Minks	1131
Vizer	23	Vizers	224
Fitch	114	Fitch	5
		Elke	39
Morse †	20	Mouse †	3

† "Morse" means a walrus, but perhaps both this and "mouse" are mistakes for "moose".

[1] See pp. 135, 144–45, 159–60.

not know how much coat beaver remained unsold, but a large weight of it went back to the warehouse, where the new stock had to be added to it. The gross yield of the sale was only £4,536 6*s*. 8*d*.[1]

We do not know what the Committee thought about this; we only know what they did. They decided to hold another sale on February 27, 1684, and to mix the 7,400 skins of old coat beaver with those from the *Diligence*, all in lots of two hundred; and they fixed 8*s*. 0*d*. as their upset price, a heavy drop since the autumn. It was only after fixing the price that they enquired, through Mr. Weymans' correspondents in La Rochelle, what coat beaver had come from Canada in the man-of-war that carried Radisson, and whether the fleet of the Compagnie du Nord had arrived and brought any furs.[2] It seems that, whatever the prospects of French competition, they were not prepared to lower their price any further. But they wanted to compete in the European market, and now they were shut off from it by the weather. All over Europe it was a very hard winter. The Thames was frozen before Christmas. By February 6 there had been no mails from France or Holland for nearly eight weeks. The Committee decided to postpone the sale until March 12. The frost broke and the mails came in almost as soon as they had made their decision;[3] and the sale was at any rate better than the last two. All the beaver was sold. Some of the lots went for as little as 8*s*. 2*d*. a pound, but 32 out of a total of 89 sold at 8*s*. 10*d*. and a good many fetched 9*s*. 0*d*. or 9*s*. 2*d*. The cash amounted to £8,575 2*s*. 9*d*.[4]

In spite of their French troubles and their Admiralty litigation, the Committee may well have thought that their luck had turned; but it is very surprising that they straight way proceeded to vote a dividend of fifty per cent. They resolved with a flourish to pay his Royal Highness the Governor in gold.[1] In paying this dividend, indeed, they were thinking of other things besides finance. When Sir James and Sir Edward went down to Windsor with the Secretary, carrying the purse of gold, they did not miss the chance of enlisting the Duke's support in the Company's need,[2] and the Committee may well have thought that a handsome dividend would have an exhilarating effect all round. But it bore no relation to the trading position of the moment. By this time four ships all told had been lost in the Company's service.[3] The nominal capital was £10,500. The principal assets were some huts and skins, the frigate *Albemarle*, the two sloops *Colleton* and *Hayes*, out in the Bay, and the goodwill which, if things went wrong at either the English court or the French, might soon be worth nothing at all. They had already made up their minds to hire two ships for Port Nelson in this year 1684, and one for the Bottom of the Bay.[4] Before the sale they had an overdraft and small debts to Sir Christopher Wren and John Letten.[5] Ten weeks after voting five-eighths of the proceeds into their own pockets, they decided that they could not afford to increase the Secretary's salary ;[6] they had to raise another overdraft of £600, and borrow £1,000 at 6 per cent. to pay their creditors for the outgoing cargo. No wonder they decided " if possible to take it up of members of the Company and with as much privacy as can be ".[7] Perhaps some of them were gamblers ; some of them may have thought it as well to share out the cash while it was still on hand ; the veterans may have considered that fourteen years of capitalistic abstinence deserved a substantial reward ; but fifty per cent. was decidedly too much.

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[1] See p. 160, n. 3.

[2] See pp. 187–94.

[3] A. Dobson (ed.), *The Diary of John Evelyn* (London, 1906), III, 122.

[4] See p. 214, n. 1. More than £5,000 came from a single buyer, Peter Barr.

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[1] See pp. 218–19, 226–27, 231–32. As the gold coinage was in guineas and they paid a guinea for each pound of the Duke's £150 this cost an additional £11 5*s.* 0*d.* (p. 226).

[2] See p. 227.

[3] They were the *Shaftesbury*, *Prudent Mary*, *James* and *Prince Rupert.*

[4] See p. 192. They finally chose for Port Nelson the *Lucy* pink, 120 tons, master John Outlaw (p. 209), and the ship *Happy Return*, 100 tons, master William Bond (pp. 209, 210, 211) ; for the Bottom of the Bay the *John and Thomas* pink, 120 tons, master Leonard Edgcombe (pp. 218, 240, n. 1, p. 244, n. 1).

[5] See pp. 117, 125, 126–27, 146, 194, 257.

[6] See p. 250, n. 2.

[7] See pp. 251, 254, 258.

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If it were not for this matter of the dividend we should say that in these years the Company's London business was conducted in a thoroughly regular way, and there are few changes of method to notice. Transferences of stock were by now a matter of routine : it was ordered that the Secretary might deal with them without a Committee.[1] The sales seem to be interesting only as incidents in the lives of the stockholders, not for any light they throw on the history of the Company. Alderman Cornish's sales we have already noticed.[2] The executors of Prince Rupert and Lady Drax disposed of their holdings.[3] Among the prominent members of the Company William Yonge assigned £700, the greater part, of his stock to Sir Christopher Wren in 1682, only to buy it back again a year later ;[4] Nicholas Hayward also sold out but subsequently returned to the fold ;[5] Richard Cradock sold some of his stock, which he also did at other times, perhaps for profit ; and so did Francis Tyssen and John Cudworth.[6] All these transactions took place before the bad news from Port Nelson ; after that the stock may have been hard to sell. None of the inactive stockholders parted with their holdings. When the dividend was paid the Company numbered thirty-six besides the Governor,[7] as compared with thirty-two years before.[8] The buyers seem all to have been greater or smaller London business men, with the exception of Thomas Cudworth, of Cambridge, gentleman. Luckily we can identify him as the Thomas Cudworth who went up to Christ's College in 1677 and became a Fellow in 1685, and this enables us to know that his father, the Hudson's Bay Committeeman, was a brother of the great Master of Christ's, Ralph Cudworth, the Cambridge Platonist.[1]

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[1] See p. 258.

[2] See pp. xxii, xxiv.

[3] See pp. 70, 78, 112.

[4] See p. 339.

[5] See p. 50, n. 1.

[6] See pp. 79, 94.

[7] See pp. 218–19.

[8] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, xxiii.

Except for the special occasions when it was necessary to resort to Gravesend, to Doctors' Commons or to taverns in other parts of the town for conferences, the Committee met regularly at Scriveners' Hall, which began to be called " the Hudsons Bay House ".[2] After Prince Rupert's death the General Courts, which the new and greater Governor did not attend in person, were held there too. The membership of the Committee continued to be very stable. In 1682 Hayward had ceased for the time being to hold any stock and Cradock was not re-elected : their places were filled by William Walker, the father of Captain Nehemiah Walker and one of the most active members of the Company, and George Baron, a new-comer, but a man of substance.[3] It was in the following year that Sir Edward Dering took Sir Christopher Wren's place ; there was another vacancy because John Cudworth, who had attended only seven times in the year, had sold his stock, and Baron was not re-elected, but in their room Richard Cradock and Nicholas Hayward came back.[4] There is no sign of any weakening in Sir James Hayes' dominant position : important business was deferred in his absence, and when he returned what had been done was submitted for his approval ;[5] when Mr. Letten left a meeting without Sir James' leave he forfeited his fee and it was ordered that this should be a standing rule ;[6] his wife, Lady Falkland, received a handsome present of furs.[7] There was no important change in the allocation of work. During this period the meetings of the " sub-committee for trade " are entered in the minutes,[1] though not those of the " sub-committee for shipping ".[2]

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[1] The relationships can be worked out from the Cudworth entries in J. and J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses* (Cambridge, 1922), I, part 1 ; for Ralph Cudworth see *Dictionary of National Biography*.

[2] See p. 60, n. 1.

[3] See pp. 51, 319.

[4] See p. 158. For the attendances see pp. 52, 163.

[5] See pp. 28, 135 ; cf. pp. 138, 193.

[6] See p. 189.

[7] See pp. 156–57.

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Among the early stockholders one of the most illustrious was the scientist the Hon. Robert Boyle. There is no record of his taking any active part in the Company's affairs, but by some chance it is among his papers, now the property of the Royal Society, that Governor Nixon's Report[3] is fortunately preserved, and this quaint document forms a good beginning for a review of the Committee's successes and failures in overcoming the difficulties and exploiting the opportunities of the Bay itself, which none of them had ever seen. At first sight the Report seems unbearably confused and obscure. Nixon seems to have been ambitious to make it a work of literature, and his repertory of proverbs is entertaining ; but the Report is long-winded, the arrangement is rambling, and the punctuation crazy. A great deal of space is taken up with the misdeeds of Captain Nehemiah Walker. No doubt he was a brute. In spite of his relationship to the Committeeman William Walker and other Walkers whose names we come across, in the end, after his mismanagement of the affair of the *Expectation*, the Company got rid of him because he behaved badly to his passengers, Governor Sergeant and his party.[4] But there is something comic in the encounters between the inebriated Walker and the sanctimonious Nixon, and we cannot always entirely side with the Governor. About his career and personality we know very little. He was a seafaring man who had been in the East Indies and perhaps in Virginia ; he had some acquaintance with Scotland and he may have been a Scot himself. In recalling him in 1683 the Committee wrote of his " great age ".[1] That is all. But, although it is not easy to use or judge it satisfactorily, the Report tells us much that is worth knowing, and shows unmistakeable common sense.

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[1] See p. 170 ff.

[2] See p. 209. As in the previous Minutes there are a number of interesting entries relating to insurance (pp. 21, 113, 115, 122, 131, 136, 137, 139). When three of the Committee give a bond to the furrier Thomas Byfield each to pay him £4 in case none of the ships hired in 1684 is able to get through the ice (p. 240) this looks like a combination of insurance and retaining fee.

[3] It is printed in *H.B.S.*, VIII, 239–304.

[4] See p. 189. Sergeant's party presumably included " the whole parcell of women " ordered home by the Governor and Committee in 1687. (A. 6/1, fo.91.)

It covers the events of three years[2] in the Bay, from Nixon's arrival in the *John and Alexander* in 1679 to August 7, 1682, when the last postscript was written, and it consists of a main narrative from August, 1681, to May, 1682,[3] with a number of continuations added later. Nixon criticised the Committee's policy in a dozen important matters. He thought hired ships, whose captains would never do more than their charter-parties bound them to, more expensive and less useful than ships owned by the Company.[4] He thought big ships like the *Diligence* unfit for navigation in the ice and shallows.[5] He thought it would be an improvement on the Company's time schedule for the ships always to winter in the Bay, one coming and one going in each year.[6] He pointed out that the wrong kinds of workmen and the wrong materials were sent : " sometyms we have coalls, and no iron, sometyms iron, and steel, but no smith," and so on.[7] He wanted sober, able, young men, and he thought Scotsmen would " both faire harder, and serve at cheaper rates, then our London born childring ".[8] He asked for some trained soldiers.[9] He wanted to see more energetic efforts to open up trade with the Indians, especially with new tribes who had not yet been in contact with any Christian nation.[10] He found it a bad plan for the ships to unload at Charlton Island. He thought that Chichewan, the chief place for trade, was the worst place for navigation, but he wanted to concentrate his men there instead of having, as he had in July, 1682, 60 at Charlton Island, 5 at Moose River, 3 at Rupert East River, and only 6 at Chichewan, with the fort and the main stores to guard.[1] He was dissatisfied with his legal position, with the behaviour of almost everyone except the "sober and industrious", and presumably Scottish, surgeon Ker ; in fact with nearly everything.[2]

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[1] He shows a partiality for Scotsmen and for Scottish or Orkney sheep, and he wrote " ane " for " one " (e.g., *H.B.S.*, VIII, 269, 283) but Nixon is not a particularly Scottish name.

[2] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 294.

[3] Ibid., p. 273.

[4] Ibid., pp. 274, 287.

[5] Ibid., pp. 242–75.

[6] Ibid., pp. 247, 283.

[7] Ibid., pp. 249, 256–57, 279–80, 297.

[8] Ibid., pp. 277, 280.

[9] Ibid., pp. 250, 278.

[10] Ibid., pp. 254, 281.

Yet in the main he was right, and the Committee recognised it. There were some things in which they were scarcely free to follow his advice : very likely the state of their finances tied them down to hiring ships instead of building more for this dangerous navigation. They did, however, improve the selection of stores for sending out ;[3] they paid attention to their methods of recruiting, choosing more suitable tradesmen, and enlisted a number of Scots.[4] They sent out a minister of religion, the Rev. John French, M.A. Unless the printed dictionaries of their graduates are at fault, he did not belong to Oxford, Cambridge, or Trinity College, Dublin. He served through many hardships until his death four years later.[5] They sent a French soldier, "Benj. Mesnard of Parris", recommended by Mr. Nicholas Hayward, who had correspondents in France.[6] When they sent out Henry Sergeant in 1683 to succeed Nixon, they instructed him to make his chief residence at Chichewan River, "that being the place of the greatest Trade and resort of the Indians", and in honour of their new Governor, who was Duke of Albany as well as York, they gave it the name of Albany River, by which it is still known.[7]

The only serious difference between Nixon and the Committee arose from his altering the "standard of trade".

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[1] Ibid., pp. 242ff., 279ff., 289, 291.

[2] Ibid., pp. 272–73, 269, 280.

[3] See pp. 60, 64, 92, 114, 208, 233, 241–42, 250.

[4] See pp. 85–6, 88, 90, 91, 94, 99, 100, 103, 203, 236, 239.

[5] See p. 106.

[6] See p. 243.

[7] A.6/1, fo. 27d. There was already a York River in Virginia.

It appears that Nixon, with his habitual low opinion of the goods sent out to him, bartered them for smaller quantities of furs than were fixed in the standard in use since the Company's early days, and also that he had reduced the numbers of marten, moose and musquash skins reckoned as equivalent to one beaver skin. The Committee thought that, considering the quality of the goods given in exchange, their terms under the old standard were much more attractive to the Indians than those of the French. They examined Nixon closely after his return ; but he failed to convince them, and they instructed Sergeant to use all his art and diligence to restore the old standard or even to improve on it.[1] Our information about these early standards is incomplete, and, without having seen the guns, kettles, hatchets and knives that Nixon had to dispose of, we can hardly pronounce on the merits of this dispute.

It affords one more illustration of the fact that the margins of profit in this trade were narrow, although the prime cost of the goods that were sold was so small a proportion of the selling price of the goods obtained in exchange. It is a complete misunderstanding to suppose that the Company's trade was " very lucrative " even before the French troubles began.[2] When the Committee saw the full gravity of the French danger in 1682 and petitioned for the King's protection, they could not pretend that they had made a great contribution to the national wealth or the Customs revenue ; they could only express the hope that their " Trade & commerce " would " in tyme turne " to their benefit " & also produce a considerable emolument " to His Majesty and the nation.[3] As we read these Minutes, following their efforts to manage their existing commitments better and their great effort to open the new route through Port Nelson, we must not think of them as adventurous, ruthless and far-sighted imperialists. Perhaps Sir James Hayes still showed something of the mettle of a Rupert ; but the rest of the Committee behaved in their true characters as hard working London business men, efficient enough in what they had been brought up to understand, but dependent on expert advice for everything outside it, and only learning by painful experience how to make their distant enterprise into a profitable investment.

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[1] See p. 237, n. 2, pp. 251, 256, and A.6/1, fo. 47d.

[2] W. R. Scott, *The Constitution and Finance of English, Scottish and Irish Joint-Stock Companies to* 1720 (London, 1910), II, 231.

[3] A.6/1, fo. 27.

MINUTES OF
THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
1682–1684

At a Committee 13 *June* 1682
Present

June 13, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Letten[1]
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

The Severall Committees at Graves end were read at this board and all approved and now confirmed.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward be desired immediately to hire a Coach for Windsor and repaire to his Highness Prince Rupert and acquainte him that this Committee is certainely Informed that there is a certaine Interloper[2] now intended for Hudsons Bay and what charges they are at to place to the Compa. Acco.

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[1] For a biography see H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries], Vol. VIII, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company* 1679–1684, *First Part*, 1679–82 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1945, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1945), pp. 338–9. Letten's death occurred shortly after he was last elected to the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company on November 19, 1688, and not early in that year as stated therein. Since the publication of that biography the Department for Literary Enquiry at Somerset House has re-opened, making it possible to obtain further information from Letten's will, which was proved on December 24, 1688 (Somerset House, P.C.C., Exton, 163). He had one son, Nathaniel, who was over twenty-one years of age and, at the time the will was made on March 13, 1687, was " in parts beyond the seas ". Letten's eldest daughter, Martha, was then about twenty-one years of age, and he had two more daughters, Susanna and Elizabeth, who were both under age. His wife, Susanna, was the daughter of Jeffery Howland, Esq., and his brother-in-law was a Mr. Samuel Ronaldson. The Richard and John Letten who were presumed to be sons of John and Susanna Letten are not referred to in the will and they have not yet been identified.

[2] Cf. p. 11 n.1.

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By the Committee 24 May last it was then Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Capt. Zachariah Gill. £50 wch. warrant upon Second thoughts was torne in peeces But Ordered by the Committee 31 May £50 to be paid to his wife p. way of Imprest for wch. Mr. Evens and Company have Cr. for in the books.[1]

Adjourned till next Friday.

June 16, 1682

At a Comittee 16 *June* 1682
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young esqr.[2]	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and Summs Following

To Jno. Watts for fresh Provissions bought in the Downes by Mr. Bridgar and Capt. Gillam as p. their bill on the Compa. whereof this Committee have Ordered that the one halfe be placed to Mr. Jno. Bridgars Acco. and the other halfe on Capt. Gillams Acco. to be Deducted out of their wages because they did allow them £3 p. Committee 31 May to buy fresh Provissions	£7. 2. 6
To Henry Blaymire for new armes, cleansing and repaireing of the old armes belonging to the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£22. 06. –
To Nico. Griffin for joynery worke on board the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£11. 16. –
To Rich. Owin for Tinn wares for the *Prince Rupert* and the Countrey	£10. – –

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[1] *See H.B.S.*, VIII, 224–5, 234.

[2] William Yonge. See Appendix C, pp. 339–42.

To Conelius Temple for Brassiers wares for the *Prince Rupert Albemarle* and *Craven*	£10.	09.	–
To Dan. Kingston in full for Brassiers wares	£42.	08.	–
To Jno. Margetts for cables and cordage for the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£106.	11.	–
To Robt. Spencer for 2 boates & a Greenland Shallop	£25.	–	–
To Jno. Simms for carved worke done aboute *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£6.	–	–
To Jno. Graves in full for repaireing the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£87.	14.	–
To Francis Wolfe for the leying of the *Prince Rupert* & *Albemarle* at the chain p. Rachliff[1]	£3.	16.	–
To Wm. Hawkins for 1C. 1q. 20 li. harbor beef for the *Craven*	£1.	13.	4
To Jno. Gore for Stockings, Drawers and 5 ps. of white Cloth	£35.	11.	–
To Robt. Thompson for Deales and Sparrs for the Countrey	£8.	16.	–
To Rich. Greenway for Drawing Cloth	£5.	10.	6
To Katherine Gearin for blocks and other matterialls belonging to the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£13.	–	–
To Robt. Clavell for Bibles and common Prayer Books	£5.	06.	–
To Tho. Sellon for stores for the *Prince Rupert Albemarle* and *Craven*	£32.	13.	–

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and summs Foll.

To Jno. Bourne for setting hoops and packing Beef and Porke for the *Rupert Albemarle* and *Craven*	£8.	–	–

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[1] I.e., Ratcliffe, on the Middlesex side of the Thames, 2¼ miles east by south of St. Paul's.

To Henry Panck for Oares and handspikes	£6.	07.	8
To Gor. Watts for wood Delivered on board the *Prince Rupert* and *Albemarle*	£5.	13.	–
To Geo. Woodward for Sheet Lead	£8.	15.	–
To Jos. Daberon for Sayles for the *Craven*	£61.	09.	–
To Jno. Rason for 96 paire of Blanketts	£63.	12.	–
To Peter Hudson for Powder	£152.	10.	–

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cook and Company pay these persons and summs Following

To Sam. Austin for twine and lines	£143.	16.	–
To Jno. Lyons in full for Shott, Small weights and Custome thereof	£42.	13.	–
To Jno. Freeman for 109 halfe barrlls. of Powder	£136.	05.	–
To Wm. Batch in farther parte payment for Bread and Mault	£80.	–	–
To Charles Michaell for Ship Chandlers ware	£48.	12.	–
To Eliz. Jacob for severall St. Geo. Flaggs	£40.	05.	–
To Nico. Kempston in full for Iron mongers wares	£89.	16.	–
To Rich. Booth esqr. and Compa. for 4 hhds. Tobacco	£73.	19.	–
To Robt. Curtis in full for Flower, Oatemeale and Pease	£42.	18.	–
To Tho. Westerne for 45 C. hoops for the *Prince Rupert*, *Albemarle* and the *Craven* 14 Faulkenett Guns and 50 hand Grenadoes	£68.	14.	–
To Sam. Lash for Blocks and other Materialls belonging to the *Craven*	£17.	00.	–

Ordered that Mr. Tho. [Cooke] and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Phillip Goodwin for butter and Cheese	£59.	08.	–

To Jno. Winchurst for Anchors nailes and Iron wourk for the *Rupert Albemarle* and *Craven*	£96. 04. –

Adjourned till wednesday next.

At a Committee 21 *June* 1682
Present

June 21, 1682

Wm. Young esqr. Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten Mr. Hayward

Mr. Sheppard Grocer haveing at this Committee exhibited 3 bills of Grocery Delivered Capt. Gillam, Capt. Sandford[1] and Capt. Bond[2] amo. unto £44. 12. 3 wch. exceeding the Compa. Orders It is now Ordered that Capt. Gillams Bill exceeding £12 be placed to his Acco. and what exceeds £6 on Sandfords and Bonds Bills be placed to each of their Accos.

Ordered Mr. Jno. Temple and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Sam. Lash for elme boards beetles Oares winding tackell & Lignum Vitæ Sheeves etc.	£30. 14. –
To Jno. Juar for painteing worke done on board the *Prince Rupert* & *Albemarle*	£8. – –
To Michaell Marland for sea Compasses for the *Prince Rupert*, *Albemarle*, *Craven* and the Countrey	£11. – –
To Peter Wall or bearer for a bill Wm. Bond charged on the Compa. from Weymouth	£1. 15. –

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[1] See Appendix C, pp. 333–34.

[2] William Bond's biography will appear in a later volume in this series.

To Phillip Lane for 75 doz. candles for the *Prince Rupert Albemarle* & *Craven*	£18. – –
To Jno. Genew and Jno. Dorville for 15 caskes of Molosses	£66. 10. –
To Mr. Lembey for 2 nests of Truncks	£02. 02. –
To Robt. Carnall for Hatchetts	£43. 10. –
To Edm. Bury for Garden Seeds [1]	£01. 11. –
To Mr. Nico. Hayward in full for makeing Charter Parties	£8. 07. 08

Ordered that Mr. Tho. Cooke and Company pay these persons and Summs Following

To Rich. Scarlet for Cooperidg	£38. 13. –
To Edw. Pewde for the like	£34. 14. –
To Mr. Nico. Hayward for to be Disburst for the use of the Company	£20. – –
To Henry Russell for salt Vinegar, Oyle pitch and Tarr etc.	£100. 18. –
To Jos. Stacy for Gunns	£214. 06. –
To Sam. Oakes for Gunns	£210. – –
To Humphrey Pickford for Gunns	£208. – –
To Sam. Shute esqr. and Compa. for table Lining, painted Callicoes, Romalls [2] and Shirts	£050. – –

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 24, May 5, 1682, “ Sundry Accts. Drs. to Edmond Bury £1. 11. – bought of him as Stores for Hayes Island as

Turnip seeds, lettice, radish, spinage, colworts & mustard seeds amt. unto according to his bill	£0. 14. 2
Stores for Chychewan as a peck mustard seeds a bage & boxe amt. unto	£0. 5. 2
Stores for Rupert River as muster seeds, lettice, Radish & colworth seeds etc. amt. unto according to his bill	£0. 4. 6
Stores for Port Nellson as 1½ peck mustard seeds, a bagge & boxe amt. unto	£0. 7. 2
	£1. 11. –”

[2] *The Oxford English Dictionary* . . . (Oxford, 1933), “ Romal . . . A silk or cotton square or handkerchief, sometimes used as a head-dress ; a thin silk or cotton fabric with a handkerchief pattern . . . ”

To Sr. Jam. Hayes[1] or Order for Disbursemnts. allready made	£4. 06. –
To Sam. Banner in full for hatchetts and knives	£128. 05. 0

Ordered that the old caskes in the warehouse be disposed of to the best Advantage by the Secretary.

Adjourned till wednesday next.

At a Committee 28 *June* 1682
Present

June 28, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Heyward

Ordered Mr. Hayward pay unto his two men to each of them 10*s*. for their Dilligence in the Compa. business wch. is to be allowed in Mr. Haywards next Acco.

The Secretary[2] reporteing to this Committee that he has compared Mr. Shepard Bill of Groceries wth. Mr. Middletons and findes it a vast Difference in the prices of their Goods Ordered Mr. Shepard be allowed noe more for Goods Delivered p. him to Capt. Gillam, Sandford & Bond then what the Compa. has allowed & pd. Mr. Middleton for his Groceries.

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[1] See Appendix C, pp. 320–27.

[2] Onesiphorus Albin. See Appendix C, pp. 317–18

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and Summs Following

To Mathew Hardeman for 215 New Guns repaireing 45 old Gunns	£241. 15. –
To Wm. Willkinson and Jarvis Byfeild to each of them £20 for their greate care and paines in sorteing of the Beavor that came home the last Shipping	£40. – –
To Mr. Jno. Stone on Acco. of his wages	£10. – –
On the 5 Instant Mr. Cudworth & Mr. Hayward Assigned upon Mr. Evens and Compa. Wm. Beare for pilloting the *Craven* into the Downes	£3. – –
On the 7 June instant Mr. Letten & Mr. Hayward Assigned upon Evens and Compa. Jno. Rigdon pilot of the *Prince Rupert* £3. 05 and Paule Phillips Pilott of the *Albemarle* £3. 05 wch. three Assignments this Committee approves of	£6. 10. –

Ordered Mr. Jno. Temple and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Dan. Andrew for Tin Wares	£4. 04. –
To Jos. Parker for Pewter	£17. – –
To Jno. Godman for threads, tapes and looking glasses	£10. 06. –
To Jno. Stephens for lines for the *Prince Rupert*, *Albemarle* and *Craven*	£15. 11. –
To Jno. Back for 105 Doz. of Candles	£26. 06. –
To Robt. Paske, for books Inck and paper	£3. 15. –

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cook and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Josua Shepard for beads	£42. – –
To Ralph Staples for 12 doz. of shooes	£23. 11. –
To Jno. Middleton for Grocerries	£68. 02. –
To Tho. Powell for 100 new gunns and repareing 23 old gunns	£123. 09. –

To Peter Lequen for flintes	£1. 6. 6
To Dan. Franckling for bucketts and swords	£9. 19. –
To Anto. Brunton for Screws	£9. 17. –
To Hum. Willet for 6 pr. blancketts[1]	£4. 13. –

Adjourned till next Fryday.

Att a Committee 30 *June* 1682
Present

June 30, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

At this Committee the Secretary reporteing that there were 3 quarter Caskes of Brandy marked cc and one rundlet[2] marked RR lost upon wch. Mr. Askue who Sold the Brandy appeared before the Committee and made it appeare he Delivered that Brandy to the Compa. Porters and the Porters did make it appeare that they Delivered them a board Halls Hoy upon which it is Ordered that Mr. Askue be paid for his Brandy and the Porters pd. their bill but Hall the waterman that took charge of them not be paid one penny of his Bill till he give the Committee Sattisfaction about the Brandy that is missing.

Ordered Mr. John Temple and Compa. pay unto Geo. Goodday for paper Inck & wax £6. 06.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Jer. Griffith for packing Goods	£6. 06. –

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 41d., June 28, 1682, shows that this amount was paid for "6 french blanckets". See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 177.

[2] A rundlet or runlet is a small barrel holding eighteen gallons.

To Edw. Fenwick for bedding, curtaines and Chares[1]	£24. 05. –
To Jno. Moore for wharfage	£5. 13. –
To Rich. Cooper for Portage at the water side	£5. 17. –
To Wm. Truelock for viewing of Guns	£3. – –

Adjourned till wednesday.

July 5, 1682

Att a Committee the 5 July 1682
Present

Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

Sr. Jam. Hayes is to be added to this Committee being upon the Compa. business.[2]

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and Summs Following

To Eliz. Holloway for a blanckett Cloth	£5. 18. –

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 24, May 5, 1682, " Sundry Accts. Drs. to Edward Fenwick £24. 5. – bought as Stores for Port Nellson as

one suite curtaines & vallence, 1 rugge, 3 p. blancketts 4 folding chaires, 1 suite curtins for a cabin, a carpett a large sea bed & bolster amt. unto according to his bill	£6. 8. –
Stores for Chychewan as a suite Curtaines, a p. fine blancketts, a rugge, a bedstead & curtine rods, carpett, 6 chaires, 2 spanish tables matts amt. unto according to his bill	£10. 14. –
Stores for Rupert River as a suite curtins & vallence, a p. large blancketts, a rugge Carpett, 4 chaires, 1 spanish table amt. according to his bill	£7. 3. –
	£24. 05. –"

[2] As the Deputy Governor's absence from the chair at this meeting was on account of the Company's business his name was added so that the attendance fee of 6*s*. 8*d*. could be credited to him. Cf. p. 13.

To Tho. Askue for brandy	£78. – –
To Jno. Baker for Red and black lead and borax	£4. 18. –
To Tho. Smith for wateridg etc.	£1. 05. –

Adjourned till Fryday.

Att a Committee 7 July 1682
Present

July 7, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cradock

Ordered that Mr. Weymans doe forethwith buy a Ketch[1] of aboute 50 Tuns burthen to be sent to the Bay with all Expedition.

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[1] For a description of a ketch see H[udson's] B[ay Company] S[eries], Vol. V, E. E. Rich (ed.), *Minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company* 1671–1674 (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1942, and London, The Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1942), pp. xxix–xxx. The Company had petitioned the King " to grant an Order and Declaration in Councell in their favour " against " some persons . . . about to interrupt their trade ". On July 13, 1682, the matter was ordered to be referred to the Lord Chief Justices " to report whether the same may be granted by Law ". (*Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series, A.D.* 1680–1720, II, No. 86). A.6/1, fos. 21d.–22, Governor and Committee to Governor Nixon, July 24, 1682, informed him that the ketch *Experiment* [sic], of which Alexander Jennings was master and part owner, had sailed for Hudson Bay. Richard Lucas, late mate of the *Prince Rupert*, who was suspected of having cached part of the cargo of the *Prudent Mary*, wrecked in 1680, sailed in the *Experiment*, as well as three others lately employed by the Company. It was believed that Thomas Phipps, formerly a member of the Committee (see *H.B.S.*, VIII, 340) was the " principall Contriver " of the expedition, and it was recalled that in 1680 he was intercepted in an attempt to move his cousin, another Thomas Phipps, who was serving in Hudson Bay, " to Mutinous & indecent behaviour towards the Compa . . . " This man was now a suspect and the Company instructed Nixon to send him home. The interlopers apparently intended to take the cache of

Ordered the person who is to be imployed in the Command with his mate take an oath of Secresy.[1]

Ordered that the Commander buy the provissions with all that is necessary for her out setting with the Advice of Mr. Weymans.

Adjourned to wednesday next.

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beaver, and by settling above the Company in Albany River they would " Interupt our Trade with the Indians and unjustly . . . reape the Fruite of all our Labour and Expence". For the measures taken to meet the situation see pp. 13–14, 17–19 and compare the remarks above with the information sent to Hudson Bay in the following year, A.6/1, fo. 34, Deputy Governor and Committee to John Bridgar, April 27, 1683, " . . . some few weeks after your Departure we were enformed of an Interloper, called the *Experiment* Ketch which sayled from Dartmouth under the Direction of mate Lucas though one Jenings was master & part owner & Mr. Tho. Phipps our former partner was the great Contriver & Encourager of that expedition, whereupon we dispatched the *James* Ketch under the Command of one Capt. Maximillian Keech who sayled from hence under the King's Jack in pursuit of the said Interloper . . . But it so happened that the Interloper before she came to the lands End was discouraged & proceeded not in her intended Voyage But we not knowing of her returne Dispatched Capt. Keech with all Dilligence by the North . . ." At the time of writing this letter the Deputy Governor and Committee were unaware that preparations were then being made for the *Experiment*, later to be referred to as the " *Expectation* alias the *Charles* ", to sail again from Dartmouth (see Appendix A, pp. 263–85).

[1] A.6/1, fo. 25d., gives the form of oath used for this occasion: " I doe sweare to be true & faithfull to our soveraigne Lord the King and to the Governour & Company of Adventurers of England tradeing into Hudsons Bay. The Secrets of the said Compa. that shall be given me in charge I will keepe their instructions I will observe to the utmost of my power and in every thinge I will Indeavor to promote the Interest & proffit of the Company So helpe me God."

Att a Comittee 12 *July* 1682
Present

July 12, 1682

Sr. Chris Wren	Mr. Cudworth
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Hayward

Upon a long and serious Debate of what was intended the last Committee for buying a Ketch and provissions to be sent forthwith to the Bay It is the desire of this Committee that Sr. Jam. Hayes and Mr. Weymans proceed noe farther in the matter till Fryday next and that in the mean time Sr. Chris. Wren give them notice hereof—It being the opinion of this Committee that the time is allready relapsed.[1]

Adjourned till to morrow.

Att a Committee 13 *July* 1682
Present

July 13, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Letten	

Sr. Jam. Hayes & Mr. Weymans being upon ernest business on the Compa. Acco. are to be added to this Comittee.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons & summs Following

To Jno. Edwards for Cooperidg	£10. 08. –
To the Master and wardens of Scriveners Compa. for 1 quarters Rent	£15. – –

Adjourned till to morrow.

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[1] The Committee were no doubt thinking that ice conditions would be unfavourable by the time the ship arrived in Hudson Bay. Cf. Introduction, p. xviii.

July 14, 1682

Att a Committee 14 *July* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Evens & Compa. pay unto these persons the summs Following

To Francis Mosely in full for makeing Coats and Capps	£48. 11. –
To Wm. Webster and Compa. for Deying Cloth and Duffells	£65. – –
To Edw. Edmunds for packing Cloth	£19. 00. –
To Mary Gillman for Dressing and setting of Cloth	£24. 07. –
To Maximillion Keech[1] for a Ketch[2] bought for the Compa. Service	£240. – –

Ordered that 6 gunns wth. Carrages be bought for the said Vessell by the above mentioned Mr. Maximillion Keech who is appointed to be Commander.

Adjourned to the 19 July instant.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 21d., Governor and Committee to Nixon, July 24, 1682, stating that Captain Maximilian Keech had " bin severall yeares in the Kings service and acquired a good Caracter ". J. R. Tanner (ed.), *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Naval Manuscripts in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College, Cambridge* (London, The Navy Records Society, 1903), 26, Vol. I, 372, Maximilian Keech was commissioned lieutenant of the *Martha and Mary* hoy in 1672; of the *Soveraigne* in 1678; and of the *St. David* in 1679. He died before 1688.

[2] A.15/2, fo. 42d., July 26, 1682, " The *James* Ketch Dr. to Stephen Evens & Compa. £240 pd. Maximilion Keech for the *James* Ketch in full the 14th instant." It is not known if *James* was the original name of the vessel or if it was called so by the Company in honour of James, Duke of York.

July 19, 1682

Att a Committee 19 *July* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Sr. Jam. Hayes for to be disburst for the Compa. use	£20.	–	–
To Mr. Gerr. Weymans for to be disburst p. him	£300.	–	–
To Char. Watts for 3 Chests and 1 box medicines	£25.	–	–
To Rich. Monger for turnery wares	£5.	04.	–
To Jno. Carter or his order Char. Watts for Combs	£4.	–	–
To Robt. Bellamy for haberdine[1] and Stock fish for the *Prince Rupert* *Albemarle* and *Craven*	£9.	03.	–
To Walter Farr for a Chest medicines and Chyrurgeons Instruments	£14.	–	–

Adjourned to the 24 July Instant.

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[1] Salt- or sun-dried cod.

July 24,
1682

Att a Committee 24 *July* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summes Following

To Ann Meese or her Attorney Wm. Johnson in full of all Acco. to this Day	£62. 09. 01
To Mary Phynness p. way of Imprest on on her husband Rich. Phynness wages	£10. 00. –

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke & Compa. pay unto One. Albin for to be disburst for the Compa. use £16.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Jno. Hall for wateridg £11. 15. he makeing affidavid he has Delivered on board all the Compa. Goods that were Delivered him.

Adjourned till wednesday.

Att a Committee 26 *July* 1682 *Att the Rose Taverne without Temple Barr*[1] *Present* July 26, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes Wm. Young Esqr.
Sr. Chris. Wren Mr. Weymans

Ordered that Mr. Albin countersigne all the Instructions wch. are now to be sent by Capt. Keech to Hudsons Bay in these words

By Command of his Highness Prince
Rupert Governor and the Committee
Onesiphorus Albin Secretary

at this Committee Sr. Jam. Hayes presented the Agreement he made wth. Capt. Maximillion Keech Viz. £8. p. month after the rate of 13 m. in the yeare as the king payes and his wages to begin the 9 instant And Ber. Blash[2] his mate at £3. 10. p. month both wch. this Committee approved of.

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[1] John Strype (ed.), *A Survey Of the Cities of London and Westminster . . . Written at first in the Year MDXCVIII By John Stow* . . . (London, 1720), III, 278, " *Temple Bar*, is the Place where the Freedom of the City of *London*, and the Liberty of the City of *Westminster* doth part . . . since the great Fire, there is erected a stately Gate, with two Posterns, on each side, for the Convenience of Foot Passengers ; with strong Gates to shut up in the Nights, and always good store of Watchmen, the better to prevent Danger . . ." This " stately Gate . . . " was built from the design of Sir Christopher Wren about 1670–72. H. B. Wheatley, *London Past and Present* (London, 1891), III, " . . . This gate was removed in the winter of 1878–1879, and the stones (about 1,000) remained exposed to the weather for ten years. The work of re-erecting Temple Bar at the entrance to Sir Henry B. Meux's private grounds, Theobalds, Waltham Cross, was completed December 3, 1888."

[2] In A.6/1, fo. 25d., this name is given as Barnard Bleigh.

Capt. Maximillion Keech appeareing at this Committee to whom were Delivered as
Instructions to Governor Nixon[1]
Instructions to Mr. Jam. Knight[2]
Prince Ruperts Commission to were the Kings Jack[3]
Capt. Keech Commission from Hudsons Bay Company
Capt. Keeches Instructions
Capt. Keeches additionall Instructions[4]

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[1] A.6/1, fos. 21d.–22d., July 24, 1682. See p. 11, n.1. Nixon was instructed to assist Keech so that " this first Enterprize of our Enemies being defeated others may be Discouridged from makeing any future attempts upon us ". In accordance with the terms of the charter (*H.B.S.*, V, 142–3), one half of the value of the interloping vessel and her lading was forfeit to the King and the other half to the Company. Nixon was instructed to detain the ship, when seized, and half the goods. Jennings (the part owner), Lucas, and the deserters from the Company's service, were to be sent home, but any others of the crew who wished to enter the Company's service were to be allowed to do so. For a biography of John Nixon see Appendix C, pp. 331–33.

[2] A.6/1, fos. 22d.–23, July 24, 1682. Knight, who was " Deputy Governor in the Bay and Cheife in the river of Chychewan ", was informed of the interloping design and instructed to assist Keech. He was to " hinder all maner of correspondence " betwixt his men and the interlopers.

[3] The King's Jack, *i.e.*, a small sized " Union Flag " of the period flown from the jack-staff. The term " Union Jack " is nowadays improperly applied to the Union flag itself, when it is not used or carried as a jack. A.6/1, fo. 23, July 21, 1682, The " Kings-Jack or Coullers " were to be worn " from your Entrance into the streights of Hudson Bay & untill you returne howeward bounde to the same place ". By a royal proclamation dated September 18, 1674, (London, Public Record Office, State Papers, Domestic, 45/12, No. 324), merchant ships were not to " presume to wear His Majesties Jack (commonly called, *The Union Jack*) in any of their Ships or Vessels, without particular Warrant for their so doing from His Majesty . . . " The flags to be flown were " those usually heretofore worn on Merchants Ships, viz. The Flag and Jack White, with a Red Cross, (commonly called, *St. George's Cross*) passing quite through the same; And the Ensign Red, with the like Cross in a Canton White, at the upper Corner thereof next to the Staff ".

[4] A.6/1, fos. 23d.–25, July 20–26, 1682. Keech was instructed to sail to the Bottom of the Bay and, with Governor Nixon's co-operation, to use his " utmost Dilligence to prevent & hinder " the *Experiment* [sic] ketch commanded by Alexander Jennings " or any of his shipps Crew or any other not Imploied by us from haveing any Trade or Commerce with the Natives & from building any house or makeing any settlement within the said Bay . . . " References to the cost of the *James* and of outfitting her, amounting to £793. 12*s*. 10*d*. will be found

Ordered that Capt. Keech and his Ships crew by paid 2 m. Imprest on Acco. of their wages and the Ships crew ½ pay to Graves end and all the Tradesmens Bills be paid and sattisfied that have relation to this Expedition Therefore

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Mr. Ger. Weymans £200.

Ordered Mr. Ger. Weymans pay the reckoning now at the taverne.

Adjourned to 20 September.

Att a Committee 2 *August* 1682
Present

August 2, 1682

Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Cudworth	

Mr. Nico. Hayward by his letter Directed to O. Albin Dated 31 July 1682 signified unto him that it was the desire of Mr. Letten, Mr. Cradock, Mr. Cudworth and himselfe that a Committee be summoned next Wednesday to settle the Acco.

on pp. 14, 24, 27, 33. The Deputy Governor and Committee, when writing to John Bridgar on April 27, 1683 (A.6/1, fo. 34), expressed the hope that she was safe in the Bay, although she had sailed late " by the North ", and had got no farther " then the height of Tinmouth [Tynemouth] upon the 8th August, [1682] ". But as the *James* was not mentioned again either in the minutes or the letters written thereafter to Hudson Bay it seems safe to assume that she was lost on the outward voyage. The fact that there are no accounts in A.14/4 in either the captain's or mate's name confirms this theory. The last reference to the *James* appears in A.15/4, fo. 79, November 21, 1694, " Profitt & Loss Dr. to Sundry accotts . . . which ought to have been Ballanced by Mr. Albin . . . To the *James* Ketch . . . £793. 12*s*. 10*d*."

wth. the Goldsmiths [1] to pay of some bills yet unpaid, to give timely order in the Dounes in refference to Capt. Walker [2] and notice to be given thereof to Sr. Chris. Wren, Squire Young and Mr. Weymans wch. the sd. Albin did accordingly and there appeared those Expressed in the margent this Day.[3]

Mr. Humphrey Willet haveing a warrant graunted him for £4. 13. 4 on the 28 June last past for blanketts [4] and he insisting upon it to have 10*s*. more for his care and paines in procureing of them and port of letters It is ordered that Mr. Hayward pay him 10*s*. wch. shall be allowed him in his Account.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Rich. Goodall and Compa. for Beare Delivered on board the *Craven* and the *Albemarle*	£17. – –
To Wm. Wightman for 3 chambers for Petereros	£5. 10. –
To Wm. Woodroffe for glass etc.	£3. 09. –
To Jno. Winchurst for Iron wourk and 4 Anchors for the *Prince Rupert*	£45. 11. –

Ordered that a Commission be prepared for Mr. Morgan Lodg [5] at Deale to put 3 waiters on board the *Dilligence* Capt. Walker Commander when it please God the sd. Walker arrives in the Downes and that the Companys [seal] be affixed to it wth. a Lettr. to be prepared to be signed by as many of the Committee as shall be then in towne wch. Shall be Authentick and the like Commission for any other ship that shall arrive from Hudsons Bay on the Compa. Acco. the Commission to be signed by the Secretary in these words: By order of the Committee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. One. Albin Secretary.

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[1] A reference to Stephen Evance and Company (see *H.B.S.*, VIII, 105). According to A.14/4, fo. 131, the " Balance remaineing in their hands at the Arrivall of Capt. Nehemiah Walker from Hudsons Bay [see p. 23] " amounted to £547. 4*s*. 3*d*.

[2] Nehemiah Walker. See Appendix C, pp. 334–37.

[3] I.e. the Committee members listed on the preceding page.

[4] See p. 9, n.1.

[5] A.6/1, fo. 25–25d., Commissions addressed to Morgan Lodge " at the towne of Deale " dated August 9, 1682, in respect of the *Diligence*, *Lucy*, and *Friendship*. Morgan Lodge was Postmaster at Deal, and references to numerous letters written by him are made in the *Calendars of State Papers, Domestic*, for the period. The waiters were to search for private trade.

Adjourned to wednesday next.

August 9, 1682

9 *August* 82
Present

Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Maurice Mosely for 36 Do. of Stockings £28. 16. at 16*s*. p. Doz.

The Committee at the last Committee ordered a Commission to be made for Mr. Morgan Lodg at Deale was now signed by the Secretary in the forme and words as was Directed 2 instant as allso the letter Directed to him was signed by Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward.

September 20, 1682

Att a Committee 20 *Septembr.* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward

Sr. Jam. Hayes moved that £2000 may be insured upon Walker[1] that is expected home wch. was Debated and it is the opinion of this Committee that noe Insurance shall be made upon her.

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[1] I.e. on the *Diligence*.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Edm. Shepard for Grocerries for the *Prince Rupert*, *Albemarle* and *Craven*	£43. 11. –
To Wm. Batch in full for bread & mault	£22. 02. –
To Edw. Holdred for bricks and tiles	£19. 13. –

Adjourned till next Fryday.

September 22, 1682

Att a Committee 22 *Septembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that this Committee be adjourned till this Day seven night but if any business falls out of moment in the Interim that then the Secretary shall give notice to all the members to come together.

It is resolved by this Committee that upon the arrivall of the next Ship or ships that there shall be a warehouse keeper apointed to take care of that affaire by attending constantly at the ware-house about the Goods comeing in and out and against the next Committee some of the members are to propound some such fitt persons who shall be chosen and allowed of p. the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Capt. Tho. Draper as a Gratuety £12. 10.

Ordered Mr. Letten and Mr. Weymans doe wth. all speed audit the Acco. between the Compa. and Goldsmithes.

Adjourned till this Day seven night.

Att a Committee 26 *Septembr.* 82
Present

September 26, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Weymans	

This morneing News came of the arrivall of Capt. Nehe. Walker in the Downes upon wch. according to the last Committees order the Secretary certified the Committee thereof who meeting this morneing read over the Severall letters[1] Directed to them Dated at Charleton Island in Hudsons Bay in August last and veiwing the severall Invoices.[1]

Ordered that Mr. Hayward grattify the messenger that brought the packett from Capt. Nehe. Walker with 20*s*.

This Committee continues to be Adjourned untill next fryday but if any business of moment falls out the Secretary is ordered to summon the Committee.

Adjourned till next Fryday.

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[1] These documents have not been traced in the Company's archives. Governor Nixon's report for 1682 is to be found in the Boyle Papers (Misc.) XL of the Royal Society and is printed in *H.B.S.*, VIII, 239–304.

September 29, 1682

Att a Committee 29 *Septembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

At the Committee 22 instant It was then concluded upon that a ware house keeper should be chosen & nominated by some of the members of the Compa. accordingly thereunto Mr. Cudworth nominated Mr. Edw. West who appeared before the Committee and was acquainted by them upon the recommendation of Mr. Cudworth they would accept of him as ware House keeper and give him Thirty pounds p. Ann. provided he gave security to the Compa. of £1000 for his good and honest dealeing wth. them upon which he desired to consider thereof untill next Munday and will then returne the Compa. an answer.

Mr. Levett that has the seller under Scriveners Hall has Leave of this Committee to have it from Quarter to Quarter and to pay the rent unto Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa.[1]

Mr. Weymans now exhibited his Acco. of his Disbursements aboute the *Jam.* Ketch amo. unto £526. 16. 05*d.* wch. this Committee have Ordered Wm. Young esqr. and Mr. Hayward desired to examin the same and give reporte thereof to the Committee.[2]

Ordered that the Cargo now comed in Capt. Walker be immediately printed and Coppies thereof distributed as the Committee shall think fitt.

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[1] See pp. 85, 138. According to an entry in A.15/2, fo. 50d., the rent of the cellar was £9 per annum.

[2] See p. 27, n.1.

Ordered that the Day of sayle for the beavor now comed home in Capt. Walker be on 31 octobr. next and Mr. Hayward be desired to put up bills thereof upon the Exchange.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock Mr. Weymans Mr. Hayward or any two of them be desired to goe and view warehouses at the waterside to lodg the beavor in untill the Custome be paid and allso to enter the beavor at the Custome House and to order that affaire as may be best for the Compa. Good.

Ordered that such Shutters, bolts and locks, be made to the warehouse as Sr. Chris. Wren shall judg fitt to be done & the Secretary to see it accordingly done wth. Expedition.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Captain Wastall Cobbie on Acco. of his wages	£10
To Isaac Rede on Acco. of his wages	£10

Ordered Mr. Jno. Temple and Compa. pay unto One. Albin on Acco. of his Sallery £6. 1. 07.

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay unto one. Albin on Acco. of his Sallery £33. 18. 5*d*.

Adjourned till next munday.

Att a Committee 2 *Octobr*. 1682
Present

October 2, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward

Wm. Young esqr. one of this Committee informes this Committee that he has this day transferred £700 of this Stock to Sr. Chris. Wren wch. is allowed of by this Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Rich. Cradock on Acco. to pay and Sattisfy for the Customes Inwards of the goods now comed home £250.[1]

Mr. Edw. West now appearing according to appointment and gives his answer that he is willing to give his owne bond for his trust for the place of ware house keeper for £1000 wch. the Compa. cannot yeild unto being contrary to a precedant order of theirs soe he is dismist any farther attendance.

Ordered that Jere. Griffith and Rich. Clay Porters be now imployed for the looking after the beavor that is comed home.

Ordered that the Secretary goe on board Capt. Nehe. Walker ship and view all the seamens Chest, beds and pcells now comed home and whatsoever Furrs or Skins he can meet wth. to seize them and send them to the ware House the Compa. shall hire at the waterside.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 47, October 13, 1682, lists the goods brought home by the *Diligence* (Captain Nehemiah Walker) according to the invoice dated Charlton Island, August 9, 1682, as

Beaver, Coat	10,355 skins	Otter	180 skins
Beaver, Parchment	4,400 "	Vissers (Martens)	1,914 "
Beaver, Stage	1,240 "	Elk, Dressed	79 "
Beaver, Small	2,712 "	Elk, Raw	60 "
Cat (Lynx)	94 "		

These totals are to be found in the respective accounts in A.14/4. For the amounts realised on these skins see p. 47, n.1. Cf. A.15/2, fo. 114, November 24, 1684, " . . . recd. in Good condition in & upon the Good ship called the *Dilligence* where of is Commander Nehe. Walker in October 1682

The Beavor Acte. as

10342 coat beavor 2708 halfe beavor 5640 parchment	in all 18680 [sic] beavors which cost the first penny in Hudsons Bay	£1401. – –
Vissers [Martens]	1910 which cost the first penny	£17. 18. 1
Otters	176 which cost	£6. 12. –
Catt skins	90 which cost	£3. 7. 6
Elkes	140 which cost	£5. 5. –
		£1434. 02. 07"

Att a Committee 4 *Octobr.* 1682
Present

October 4, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

Mr. Cradock acquaints the Committee that the £250 he received of the Compa. the second instant he has disposited the same for the Customes of the Goods now comed home for wch. he desires Creditt for the same wch. the Secretary has order to doe in the Compa. books.

Ordered Mr. Stone goe to morrow morneing on board Capt. Nehe. Walkers Ship and bring into the warehouse at the Custome House all the Furrs and skins the Secretary seized the perticulers of wch. doeth appeare upon a sheet of Paper on the File.

Mr. Young and Mr. Hayward haveing according to the Committees desire to them the 29 Septembr. last past examined Mr. Weymans Acco. concerneing the charges in setting out of the *Jam.* Ketch and find there is Due unto Mr. Weymans £26. 16. 05*d.*[1]

Ordered that the severall sortes of Goods the Compa. Serveants have had in Hudsons Bay be taxe̓d and rated as they were the last yeare in the Compa. books And the Secretary is Ordered

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[1] See p. 18, n. 4, and p. 24. A.15/2, fo. 44d., October 2, 1682, "The *James* Ketch Dr. to Gerrard Weymans £526. 16. 5 pd. p. the sd. Mr. Weymans in setting out the sd. *James* Ketch the accte. of which was this day examined by Wm. Younge esqr. & Nico. Hayward & ordered p. the Committee to bringe this summe to Mr. Weymans Cr. as Followes

Stores for the *James* Ketch	£280. 11. 6	
Provisions for Ditto	£162. 18. –	
Wages for Ditto	£83. 06. 11	£526. 16. 5"

to make up the Severall Acco. of the Land and Seamen now comed home.

On the 22 Septembr. last past it was then resolved on that a ware House keeper should be chosen and on 29th of the same month It was then agreed that he should give £1000 Security. Now it is the opinion of this Committee that £500 Security is sufficient and that on Fryday next they are resolved to chuse one putting in such Security.

Adjourned till next Fryday.

October 6, 1682

Att a Committee 6 *Octobr.* 1682
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

Whereas it was ordered the last Comittee that a ware House keeper should be chosen this Committee upon the motion of Mr. Weymans That because the Depty. Governr. was not here it may be deferred untill he came home who was expected to morrow wch. is agreed upon by this Committee.

The choice of the Furriers[1] for sorteing the Beavor is differred untill Sr. Jam. Hayes the Depty. Governr. comes home.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward be desired to pay the waiters Mr. Morgan Lodg shipped on board the *Dilligence* in the Downes according as Mr. Lodg agreed wth. them for and with it amo. unto Mr. Hayward has this Committees Lycence to draw a bill on Evens and Compa. for the same.

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[1] Jarvis Byfield and William Wilkinson formerly carried out this service (see *H.B.S.*, VIII, passim), but from pp. 31 and 49, it would appear that the choice on this occasion fell on Roger Arkenstall and Joshua Spurrier.

Adjourned till Fryday next.[1]

Att a Committee 10 *Octobr.* 1682
Present

October 10, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

To Tho. Mason on Acco. of his wages	£4.	15s.	10*d.*
To Tho. Welch the like	£31.	16.	09
To Rich. Luis the like	£9.	10.	04
To Geo. Gorst for his Sonn Benjamin Gorst the like	£12.	–	–
To Jno. Mechin the like	£15.	15.	07
To Anto. Dowridg the like and Deductions from Severalls	£27.	18.	08
To Tho. Archard on Acco. of his wages	£08.	02.	05
To Jno. Shaw the like	£05.	13.	10
To Francis Peachy the like	£23.	17.	10
To Wm. Langmore for a Carpett, Cushions and Chaires [2]	£07.	09.	–

The wages of Capt. Greenwaies [3] men that were entred in the Compa. Service by Governr. nixon shall be considered of the next Committee.

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[1] Tuesday is given, correctly, in A.1/5, fo. 40.

[2] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 194, n. 1.

[3] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, passim, for Captain Greenway's connection with the Company.

Mr. Cradock is desired to mannage the business about the now Imported beavor at the Custome House and to give such grattifications to the Severall Officers of the Custome House as he Shall judg fitt and convenient not exceeding the last yeares reward.

Adjourned till next Fryday.

October 13, 1682

Att a Committee 13 *Octobr.* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Letten	

Ordered that Bennitt Smithes Acco. Shall be made up after the rate of £36 p. Ann. according to the Compa. Establishment for a Chyrurgeon.

Ordered that Ezekell Ellis, Wm. Pearson, Hans Peckman, shipt in Greenway and entertained in the Compa. service p. Governr. Nixon, their Acco. be made up and their wages pd. them as Governr. Nixon has agreed with them for—And Richard Nalldridges wages be accounted from the time he arrived in the Country.

Ordered that Jos. Pollad & Simon Hardmonson two of Capt. Walkers men that did accompa. Mr. Tho. Phipps from Charleton Island to Hayes Island in Novembr. last be grattified for their paines 40*s*.[1]

Isaack Reds case being presented to this Committee It is ordered that his Acco. be made up from the time he broke ground at Graves end and a gratuety be given him over and above for his good service he has done the Company £10.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 241.

Ordered that Jno. Kirs bill amo. unto £6. 06. for medicines he Delivered Governr. Nixon for the use of the Factories be paid and Sattisfyed.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Francis Mosely a Deduction from Bennett Smith £13.

Mr. Cradock now exhibited a bill of Disbursements amo. unto £103. 2. 06 wch. this Committee approves of the Ballance of wch. Due to him is £3. 2. 6. Ordered that Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Rich. Cradock the above ballance for his Disbursements £3. 2. 6.

Mr. Weymans now exhibited his Acco. of severall Disbursements ordered the Secretary to peruse and examin it and give reporte to the Committee how he finds it against the next Committee Day.

Ordered the Gunns in the ware house be Delivered to the Severall Gunsmiths to whom they doe belong unto except the patterne Gunn of Hardeman.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward be desired to speake to Mr. Willkinson to sorte out the beavor now comed home and that they advice wth. him for one othr. Furrier to be joyned to help and Assiste him and agree wth. them for their care and paines in soe doeing or wth. any othr. whome they shall thinke fitt.

The warehouse keeper being now againe taken into consideration: two haveing bin presented by the Members of the Compa. (Viz.) Mr. West and Mr. Jno. Ackwood and the choice fell upon Mr. West who was called and acquainted the Committee had made choice of him for ware house keeper at £30 p. Ann. and they exspected he should give the Compa.

Security of £500 according to their former order who nominated Mr. Jno. Reynolds and himselfe wch. the Committee accepted of And Ordered that Mr. Hayward be desired to take their bond for Mr. West performeing that trust of ware house keeper.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

October 18, 1682

Att a Committee 18 *octobr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cudworth

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Mr. Francis Rainsford on Acco. and in parte of Fraight for the *Dilligence* from the Bay	£1000.	–	–
To Jno. Kerr his Attor. Eliz. Kerr & Tho. Molton for Medicines Delivered p. him to Governr. Nixon	£6.	06.	–
To Isaak Rede Deductions from Sam. Binks Hugh Verner & Tho. Taylor	£3.	15.	–
To Isaak Rede in full for his wages	£22.	09.	9
To Hans Peckman on Acco. of his wages	£16.	11.	9
To Wm. Pearson the like	£20.	18.	8
To Ezekiell Ellis the like	£14.	10.	4
To Tho. Welch a Deduction from Jacob Robinson	£1.	15.	–
To Jno. Pye Deductions from Jno. Nixon esqr. and Tho. Mettam	£4.	07.	–

To Francis Merrick a Deduction from John Nixon esqr.		£1. – –
To Andrew Mosse Deductions from George Burwash and Hans Peckman		£3. – –
To Simon Hardmonson a gratuety	£2. – –	£1. 8. 6
For Goods Delivered him in the Factory	£0. 11. 6	
remaines	£1. 8. 6	
To Mr. Gerr. Weymans the Ballance of his Acc. for Disbursements the last yeare		£54. 17. 1
To Mr. Ger. Weymans the Ballance of his Acco. for Disbursements on the *Jam.* Ketch		£26. 16. 5
To Clement Kettle for gun cases & hooping		£15. – –
To the Master and wardens of the Scriveners Compa. for ¼ Rent Due 29 Septembr. last past		£15. – –
To Bennett Smith on Acco. of his wages		£15. 14. 2

Mr. Edw. West chosen the last Committee for ware-house keeper took his oath to the Company.

Ordered that Capt. Cobbies Acco. be made up from the time he was entred in the Compa. service according to the Agreement that was made wth. him and £4. 10. and £5 charged to his Acco. he alledgeth that it was for Disbursements made by him for the use of the Compa. wch. the Secretary have order to inspect and give report thereof to the Committee.

The Secretary reporting to this Committee that Rich. Nalldridg was ent. in the Compa. Service the 27 Aprill 1676 as Cook of the *Shasberry* Pinck at 30*s*. p. mon. Ordered his wages shall be reckoned from his Entertainement in the Compa. service to the time of his Imbarkeing for England.

Ordered the Secretary goe on board the *Friendship* Sam. Edwards Mr. and the *Lucy* Nico. Reymer Mr. and veiw all the Seamens Chests beds and pcells. now com'd home and what ever Furrs or Skins he can meet with to seize them and send them to the warehouse at the Custome House and after discharge the severall waiters put on board them in the Downes and ordered Mr. Hayward be desired to pay them in that manner as he did the *Dilligents* waiters by Assigning them to receive their wages on the Goldsmith.[1]

October 25, 1682

Att a Committee 25 octobr. 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cradock
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these Persons and summs Following

To Mr. Rich. Cradock on Acco. of Disbursements	£10.	–	–
To Rich. Noldridg on Acco. of his wages	£52.	19.	–
To Mr. Jam. Denew and Capt. Sam. Edwards on Acco. of Fraight from and to Hudsons Bay in farther parte payment and upon the request of Capt. Edwards	£200.	–	–

Capt. Nehe. Walker humbly desired that the Clawse in his Charter party concerneing private trade be remitted wch. this Committee assents unto.[2]

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[1] A.1/5, fo. 42d., carries the additional entry "Adjourned untill nex Wednesday".

[2] The terms of the charter party are not known.

By the Committee the 29 Septembr. last past It was then ordered that the beavor[1] comed home in Capt. Nehe. Walker should be exposed to Sale th. 31 instant Its now ordered by reason the same cannot be sorted out against that time That the time of sale for the same be differred unto the 15 Day of Novembr. next and Mr. Hayward is desired to sett up that time upon the Exchange.

Cap. Cobbies Acco. being againe taken into consideration It is ordered the £4. 10. and the £5 mentioned the last Committee be allowed him he now makeing it appeare that Mony was properly pd. him for Disbursements on the Compa. Acco. as allso he be allowed as a Gratuety for the bringing out of the Downes a Duplicate of the packett from Hudsons Bay 20*s*. and two bills on the Compa. one from Governr. Nixon of 10*s*. and another of £6 from Nico. Traversero.

Ordered that Tho. Garlands wages be reckoned to the time he imbarked from Hudson Bay.

Ordered Hugh Verners[2] Acco. be made up from the time his time was out of his first contract wth. the Compa. to the time he imbarked from Hudsons Bay at the rate of £40 p. ann. as he was cheife Factor at Rupert River.

Ordered that Deductions be made from these persons following according to the severall bills on the Compa. now produced as

From Geo. Burwash to Tho. Killdale	£1.	05.	–
From Jno. Funter to Geo. Hunter	£0.	16.	–
From Jacob Robinson to Ditto	£3.	07.	–
From Ditto to Benj. Gorst	£0.	10.	–
From Tho. Killdale to Ditto	£2.	–	–
From Nico. Johnson to Hugh Verner	£1.	06.	–

Ordered that Mr. West Deliver unto Hans Peckman a moos skin and Jno. Pye two moose skins that are in the Compa. warehouse.

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[1] See p. 26, n. 1.

[2] Hugh Verner's biography will appear in a later volume in this series.

Adjourned untill next Fryday.

October 27, 1682

Att a Committee 27 *Octobr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Letten

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Capt. Wallsall Cobbie a Gratuety bringing a Duplicate of the Hudsons Bay packett	£1.	–	–
To Ditto two Deductions one from Jno. Nixon esqr. and the other from Nico. Traversero	£6.	10.	–
To Ditto on Acco. of his and Gilbert Hopkins his serveant wages	£68.	19.	11
To Martha Brounson Jno. Brownsons Attorny on Acco. of his wages	£27.	11.	4
To Tho. Garland on Acco. of his wages	£30.	00.	8
To Nico. Johnson the like	£14.	16.	6
To Rich Peper Atto. Geo. Burwash the like	£2.	18.	3
To Hugh Verner the like	£37.	15.	6
To Ditto Deductions from Nico. Johnson	£1.	12.	6
To Tho. Killdale Deductions from Geo. Burwash	£1.	05.	–
To Geo. Hunter Deductions from Jacob Robinson and Jno. Funter	£4.	03.	–
To Jno. Baynes Atto. for Jno. Funter for wages	£7.	14.	11*d.*

Ordered the Secretary bring to the next Committee an abstract of the letters[1] that came last from Hudsons Bay.

Ordered that 3 moos skins belonging to Rich. Lewis and one moos skin belonging to Ezekiell Ellis now in the Compa. warehouse be Delivered them.

Mr. Levett has the consent of this Committee to have the seller under Scribners Hall for one yeare to Mich. next provided he lett the Compa. have that parte thereof that is under the stares towards the garden[2] wch. he assents unto.

Ordered the Secretary buy a Tryangle,[3] a beame for to weigh 4 C. weight at an end, and weights sutable the large weights to be of Lead and the small weights to be of Brass.

Ordered that the Beavor now comed home be sorted out into Lotts. the large Lotts to qts. 200 Skins and the small Lotts to qts. 100 Skins and every fourth Lott to be made into a small Lott.

The Martin skins in 6 Lotts each 300 in a Lott.
The Catt Skins into two Lotts.
The Otter Skins into two Lotts.
The Drest moos skins into two Lotts.
The undrest moos skins into two Lotts.

Ordered the beavor and skins shall be put up as Foll. at the Sale[4]

The Coate Beavor at	12½*s*.
The Parchment beavor at	8*s*.
The halfe beavor at	5½*s*.

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[1] These letters have not been traced in the Company's archives. See p. 23, n. 1.

[2] See p. 24. The garden, according to A.15/2, fo. 78, contained "vines & fig trees".

[3] I.e., a tripod.

[4] For the results obtained see p. 47, n. 1.

The otter skins at	10*s*.[1]
The Martin[2] Skins at	3½*s*.
Drest moos skins at	6*s*.
undrest moos skin at	8*d*.
Catt skins at	6*s*.

Adjourned untill next wednesday.

November 1, 1682

Att a Committee 1 *Novembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

Capt. Sam. Edwards humbly desires that the clause in the Charter party concerneing private Trade be remitted wch. this Committee assents unto.

whereas it was ordered the last Committee that the Beavor now comed home be Sorted out into Lotts the large Lotts to containe 200 Skins and the Small Lotts to qts. 100 Skins and every 4 Lott to be made into Small Lotts wch. the Furriers that now sortes the beavor out have bin acquainted therewith who informes this Committee Its impossible for them to Sorte out the bevor into such small Lotts according to the sett time of Sale 15 instant upon wch. It is ordered that the beavor be sorted out as it was the last yeare 200 Skins in a Lott.

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[1] They sold eventually at 8*s*. 6*d*. per skin. See pp. 46, 51, 58.

[2] Called vissers (fishers) on p. 46. See also p. 51. For the prices eventually obtained see p. 78, n. 1. Martens and fishers are members of the same weasel family. The fisher is sometimes known as the pekan or Pennant's marten. Its skin is larger and coarser than that of the marten. A.6/1, fo. 50, Deputy Governor and Committee to Henry Sergeant, May 16, 1684, "In the Invoice you send home of goods shipt instead of Martin skins call them in your Invoice Vissers for Martins skins pay greater custome then Vissers & Vissers which you call Martins skins we alwaies tearme in our bookes vissers."

Ordered that Roger Darling have one moos skin and Tho. Mason one moose skin belonging to them now in the Compa. ware house.

Capt. Edwards presenting two bills in the behalfe of Rich. Cock one of his seamen on the Company Drawen by Jno. Nixon esqr. one for 12*s*. the other for £4 both Dated in Charleton Island 26 Aug. 82 Ordered the sd. two bills amount. unto £4 12. be Deducted from Jno. Nixon Esqr. Acco. for the use of the aforesd. Rich. Cock.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and summs following

To Rich. Allie esqr. & Nico. Reymer in farther part payment for Fraight for the *Lucy* to and from Hudsons Bay	£200. – –
To Ralph Rawlins a Deduction from Nico. Johnson	£00. 16. –

Adjourned till next Fryday.

Att a Committee 3 Novembr. 82
Present

November 3, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Stone doe give constant Attendance in the warehouse in assisting and aideing Mr. West the warehouse keeper and likewise to be aideing and assisting to the Secretary.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Margett Coleman Atto. Tho. Coleman on Acco. of his wages	£9. – –
To Benjamin Gorst 2 Deductions one from Nico. Johnson of 10*s*. & one from Tho. Killdale of 40*s*. in all	£2. 10. –
To Rich. Cock two Deductions from Jno. Nixon esqr.	£4. 12. –

Ordered Mr. Stone goe to morrow morneing to Mr. Lettens house and bring from thence all the sweepings that were left at the Stillyard warehouse the last yeare.

Ordered the Stage beavor be sett up at Sale 4½*s*. p. lb.[1]

Ordered Mr. West the ware house keeper keep two books [2] in wch. all goods that come in and out of the warehouse be fairely written. One of them to be lodged constantly in the warehouse the other to be Delivered to the Committee under written by Mr. West the ware house keeper.

It is concluded on by this Committee that by reason Mr. Evens and Compa has bin ready to supply the Compa. wth. severall summs of mony for their necessary occasions before the sale of their beavor That all the mony that the beavor and other skins shall amo. unto at next sale shall be paid them and the bonds at sale run to be paid to them only.

Mr. Stone desireing to be dismist the Compa. Service presented a paper Importing a certificate of his good and faithfull service done the Compa. wch. he humbly desired the Committee to signe wch. this Committee does soe ill resent at this time when they had most need of his service That they doe according to his desire dismiss him the Compa. service and refuse to signe

[1] For the prices obtained see p. 47, n. 1.

[2] These books have not been traced in the Company's archives.

the sd. certiphycate. And doe order Jos. Albin [1] the Secretarys sonn doe give constant attendance in the ware house as Mr. Stone was ordered.

Ordered Mr. Hayward be desired to take care the bonds and the paper of Lotts be printed wth. all speed.

Ordered the ps. of Beavor in the ware house be put up at sale at 8*s*. and Divided into two Lotts and the sweepings last yeare at 12*d*.[2]

Ordered that the Secretary get severall formes made for the buyers to sett upon at the time of sale.

Mr. Rich. Cradock one of this Committee informes this Committee that he has this Day transferred to these persons these summs foll. wch. is allowed of p. this Committee

To Jno. Carter [3] of London Skinner	£100.	–	–
To Sam. Ongly [4] of London Lining Draper	£100.	–	–
To Jno. Cudworth of London Merchant	£25.	–	–
To Tho. Cudworth [5] of Cambridg Gent.	£50.	–	–
To Fran. Tysson of London Merchant	£25.	–	–
In all	£300.	–	–

Adjourned tell next wednesday.

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[1] See p. 53. A.1/7, November 19, 1684, records that Joseph Albin " Desired to be Dismist the Companies service " and that his request was granted.

[2] See p. 47, n. 1. The sweepings remained unsold until March 14, 1683, when the price obtained was 7*d*. per lb. See p. 52, and p. 78, n. 1.

[3] John Carter held this £100 stock until February 11, 1685, when he transferred it to Stephen Pitts (A.1/43, fo. 47d.).

[4] Samuel Ongley, citizen and merchant taylor of London, was, except for two days, a continuous stockholder from November 3, 1682, until October 3, 1694.

[5] A.43/1, fo. 53, on February 1, 1687, when Thomas Cudworth transferred his £50 stock to Samuel Foot of London, merchant, he described himself as " of London Gent.". See Introduction, p. xli.

November
8, 1682

Att a Committee 8 *Novembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Cudworth
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Letten

Mr. Nico. Hayward one of this Committee acquaints this Committee he has transferred £200 of his stock to the Right honorable George Earle of Berkly wch. this Committee aproves of and desires the Secretary to waite upon him to his Lord Ship wth. the booke of Assignements[1] wch. the Committee doe grant.

Ordered that a moos skin be Delivered Wm. Sharpe and a pr. beavor mittens to Jno. Mechin now in the Compa warehouse.

Ordered the Secretary view over Governr. Baylys Acco. and acquaint the Committee how he finds it.

Adjourned till next Fryday

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[1] A.43/1.

Att a Committee 10 *Novembr.* 82
Present

November 10, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. Cradock be desired to speake to Mr. Willmott to give Attendance at the Candle at Sale.

Ordered that 100 new doble beavor ropes be bought against munday to tey up each Lott on Tuesday next.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Rich. Cradock on farther Acco. of Customes £30.

Ordered the preamble at the Sale the 15 instant be in these words following

It is Declared by the Committee that those who shall pay for their whole Lotts on or before the 15 Day of Decembr. next shall have one p. Cent. allowed for prompt payment. But those who doe not pay it as aforesd. are to exspect noe allowance or Discount whatsoever And they doe allso declare they will allow one pound draught for every Lott and noe more.

They doe likewise declare that they exspect noe other Goods this yeare and that they will not sell any other goods before Michelmas next but what are now exposed to Sale.

And further they doe declare that what ever Quantety of coate beavor shall arrive the yeare ensueing shall not be sett up at a lower rate then they have done at this present sale.

If any Difference happen to arrise between any bidders at the Candle they are to submitt the matter in dispute to the Determination of the Deputy Governr. and Committee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. or such of the Committee as shall be then present and to acquess in their Determination.

The buyer is to have the Benefitt of Impost[1] on exportation.

wch. preamble is ordered to be fairely written and to be read at Sale p. Mr. Willmott as allso the bond each buyer is to signe.

Ordered Mr. Cradock be desired to buy 3 Dozen Bottles of Clarrett and 3 Doz. bottles of Sack against the Day of Sale.

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cook & Compa. pay unto One. Albin towards a Dinner at sale Day £4. 3. 08.

Adjourned till next tuesday.

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[1] I.e., the buyer to receive the drawback.

November 14, 1682

Att a Committee 14 *Novembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward

That whereas the last yeare there were Severall Complaints made that after the Lotts were sold there were alterations made of some Lotts to the prejudice of the buyers Therefore to prevent such abuses the Committee have caused all the Lotts to be bound up in the same manner as they were exposed to veiw which words are to be incerted in the Preamble.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Pr. Percivall pay these persons and summs Following

To Jno. Moore for warfage of Beavor in Capt. Neh. Walker	£5. 06. –
To Rich. Cooper and the rest of the Porters at the water side for Landing of beavor in Capt. Walker	£6. 04. –
To Jno. Waters for lighteridg of Beavor in Capt. Walker	£2. 08. –

Ordered that the Secretary doe attende at Sale and fill up the bonds and that he and Mr. West wittness each bond.

Adjourned till to morrow.

November 15, 1682

Att a Committee 15 *Novembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cradock
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

The Beavor and skins being now exposed to Sale and there is of the Coate beavor unsold 36 Lotts, of the Visers 6 Lotts, and 2 Lotts of otter skins and the wast of the warehouse Ordered that the 36 Lotts of coate beavor be weighed and their weight entred in the ware-house book as allso the visers and otter Lotts and the wast of the warehouse.[1]

Ordered that Mr. Cradock, Mr. Letten and Mr. Weymans or any one of them are desired to take care to see every Lott now sold weighed and to take of each Buyer Mr. Evens and Compa. Receipt for the amo. of each Lott.

Adjourned untill next Fryday.

November 17, 1682

Att a Committee 17 *Novembr.* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

Ordered that a Committee meet on the 24 instant for to Attend the receiveing the Votes of the Adventurers for Election of Governr. Depty. Governr. and Committee for the

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[1] For footnote see opposite page.

[1] The skins brought home by Captain Walker in the *Diligence*, 1682. See p. 26, n. 1, and pp. 35–37. The following particulars regarding the sale have been abstracted from A.15/2, fos. 50d.–53, and A.14/4, fos. 37d.–132.

Goods	Buyer	No. of Lots	No. of skins	Weight lbs.	Price per lb. *s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
§Beaver, Small	David Hayward	1	452	308	6	3	96	5	0	96	5	0
” ”	Richard Gawthorne	3	2,260	918	6	0	275	9	0			
” ”	” ”	2		611	6	2	188	7	10	463	15	10
Beaver, Coat (pieces)	Crawley Vernon	1	—	68	8	2	27	15	4	27	15	4
Beaver, Coat	Humphrey Willet	1	200	218	12	8	138	1	4	138	1	4
” ”	Robert Woolley	7	2,000	1,561	12	8	988	12	8			
” ”	” ”	1		222	12	10	142	9	0			
” ”	” ”	2		445	13	2	292	19	2	1,424	0	10
” ”	Stephen Evance	1	400	214	12	10	137	6	4			
” ”	” ”	1		221	13	0	143	13	0	280	19	4
” ”	Arthur Moore	2	400	442	12	10	283	12	4	283	12	4
” ”	John Legendre	1	200	220	12	8	139	6	8	139	6	8
§Beaver, Stage	William Baker	1	155	238	4	9	56	10	6	56	10	6
” ”	Richard Gawthorne	4	1,085	945	4	8	220	10	0			
” ”	” ”	3		709	4	10	171	6	10	391	16	10
§Beaver, Parchment	William Skinner, jnr.	1	200	280	8	8	121	6	8	121	6	8
” ”	Robert Woolley	1	600	283	8	6	120	5	6			
” ”	” ”	2		562	8	8	243	10	8	363	16	2
” ”	Richard Gawthorne	2	2,600	569	8	6	241	16	6			
” ”	” ”	11		3,105	8	8	1,345	10	0	1,587	6	6
” ”	Henry Wheatley	4	1,000	1,424	8	8	617	1	4	617	1	4
§Cat Skins	David Hayward	1	47	—	6	4*	14	17	8	14	17	8
” ”	Henry Durneford	1	47	—	6	2*	14	9	10	14	9	10
§Elk Skins (undressed)	Thomas Jordan	1	60	317		10	13	4	2			
” ” ”	” ”	1		305		10½	13	6	10	26	11	0
§Elk Skins (dressed)	Edward Dimbleby	1	40	—	10	0*	20	0	0	20	0	0
” ” ”	Robert Woolley	1	39	—	9	0*	17	11	0	17	11	0
										£6,085	4	2
	Less total amount of rebate of 1% allowed to buyers for prompt payment, according to Rebate Account (A.14/4, fo. 38d.–39)									56	8	7
										£6,028	15	7

§ Total cargo sold. * per skin.

yeare ensueing and the next day to attend Prince Rupert at his lodgins wth. the said Votes.

Ordered that the secretary gett summons Printed according to the Directions now given and allso print the names of all the Adventurers and send summons thereof to each Adventurer.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Edw. Barrett and 3 others for Labouridg about sorteing of beavor	£5. 14. –
To Robt. Hoe for a beame, weights, scales roapes and a Tryangle	£5. 14. –

Ordered the Secretary inspect Capt. Greenwaies Acco. in the presence of Mr. Hayward and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Ordered that the Secretary have leave from this Committee to shew the Preamble of the last sale and give coppies thereof to any that desire it.

Adjourned till next Tuesday.

November
21, 1682

Att a Committee 21 *Novembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cudworth
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that one Porter shall give Attendance in the ware house untill the Goods sold at sale be Delivered.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Roger Arkenstall and Josua Spurrier for sorting beavor that last came home	£20. – –
To One. Albin in Disbursements for a Dinner the 15 instant	£4. 09. –
To Mr. Edw. Ely for Disbursements	£7. 09. 02
To Ditto on Acco. of his wages	£20. – –

Ordered that Mr. Ely be acquainted that at present the Compa. have noe farther service for him But when they have he shall be acquainted therewith and sattisfyed from time to time for what he shall doe for them.

Ordered that the Secretary goe to Mr. Graves and take an Inventory of what Goods that doe belong unto Capt. Greenway that were shipt in the *Prince Rupert* from the Bay and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Adjourned untill next Fryday at 3 of the Clock.

Att a Committee 24 *Novembr.* 82
Present

November 24, 1682

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cudworth
Wm. Young esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

Mr. Nico. Hayward one of this Committee acquaintes this Committee he has transferred the remainder of his tock in the compa. as Foll.

To Mr. Jno. Cudworth NB	£125. – –
To Mr. Robt. Stamper	£75. – –
	£200. – –

wch. is allowed of by this Committee.

This Committee recd. the votes of the severall Adventurers of the Compa. wch. were put into the Ballating glass and sealed up wth. the Compa. Seale wch. is ordered to be in the keeping of Sr. Ja. Hayes Depty. Governr. and the glass is committed to the care of the Secretary to bring it up to his Highness P. Ruperts lodgings in the Spring garden to morrow morneing by 10 of the Clock as allso the book of orders and other things he thinks necessary.

NB the above sd. transferr of £125 to Mr. Jno. Cudworth was transferred by Mr. Nico. Hayward 26 Jan. 1682 Following

To Mr. Jno. Cudworth	£25. – –
To Mr. Jno. Bradly	£100. – –
	£125. – –[1]

November 25, 1682

Att a Generall Court held at his Highness Prince Ruperts Lodgings in Whitehall 25th Novembr. 82

Present[2]

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Bradly
Mr. Walker[3]
Mr. Cudworth

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[1] A.43/1, fo. 30, November 24, 1682, shows assignments of stock of £125 and £75 from Nicholas Hayward to John Cudworth and Robert Stamper respectively. Both entries were cancelled and on January 26, 1683 (fo. 30d.), new ones were made, £25 stock being assigned to John Cudworth, £100 stock to John Bradley, and £75 stock to Robert Stamper. A.1/5 ends at this point.

[2] There appears to be a change of writing in the Minutes Book at this point. As there is a resemblance to the previous entries, presumably Albin's son, Joseph, was responsible for keeping the Minutes Book.

[3] See Appendix C, pp. 337–39.

The Governour, Deputy Governour and Committee being to be chosen the Ballet was taken and the choice made as Follows

His Highness Prince Rupert Governour
Sr. James Hayes Deputy Governour

The Committee
Sr. Christopher Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. John Letten
Mr. Gerrard Weymans
Mr. Jno. Cudworth
Mr. George Baron[1]
Mr. Wm. Walker

The Oath of Fidelity to the Company was Administred to Sr. James Hayes Deputy Governour and after that to all the rest of the Committee except Mr. Letten and Mr. Baron.

Att a Committee 29 *Novembr.* 82
Present

November
29, 1682

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Waker
Mr. Letten	

Mr. John Letten and Mr. George Baron chosen of the Committe for the ensueing yeare took the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

Ordered Mr. Letten and Mr. Weymans be impowred to treate wth. any one aboute the Martin skins, Otter skins and the wast of the warehouse and make report thereof to the Committee.[1]

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[1] See Appendix C, p. 318–19.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and summes Following

To Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governour for his Attendance at the Committee 76 times the last yeare from the 28 Novembr. 81 to the 24 Instant at 6*s*. 8 each time	£25. 06. 08
To Sr. Chris. Wren the like for 35 times	£11. 13. 04
To Wm. Young Esqr. 83 times the like	£27. 13. 04
To Mr. Ger. Weymans the like 83 times	£27. 13. 04
To Mr. Jno. Letten 77 times	£25. 13. 04
To Mr. John Cudworth 56 times	£18. 13. 04
To Mr. Nico. Hayward 98 times	£32. 13. 04
To Mr. Francis Rainsford in farther part payment of Fraight by the *Dilligence* from and to Hudsons Bay	£500. – –

Ordered Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten and Mr. Walker be desired to Audit Mrs. Baylies and Capt. Greenwaies Accts. and give report thereof to the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Cradock be spoken to, to give the Compa. an Acct. in Perticulers of the money he recd. of the Compa. for to discharge the Customes of the last Imported Beavor and skins.

Ordered that the Secretary cause to be printed 5 Quire of Committee summons and disperse them abroad to each of the Committee a Day before they meet.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten and Mr. Walker be desired to view over the Guns, knives etc. that are returnd.[1] from Hudsons Bay by the *Dilligence* and to that end Ordered that Mr. Hartchorne Mr. Truelock and Mr. Hardeman give their Attendance on them on Satterday next by 10 of the Clock.

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[1] The otters found a buyer (see p. 58), but the martens (vissers) and warehouse waste found no buyers until the sale of March 14, 1683. See p. 78, n. 1.

Jos. Albin the secretaries sonn taken into the Compa. service on the 3 Day of this Month in Mr. Stones room took the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa. and his wages to commence from that Day att £25. p. Ann.

Adjourned till next Satterday morneing.

Att a Committee the 2th Decembr. 1682
Present

December
2, 1682

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Cudworth

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 47d., October 13, 1682, Goods returned as defective from Hudson Bay in the *Diligence*:

	£	*s.*	*d.*
14½ gross Copper Lace @ 22*s.* p. gross	15	19	0
12,092 Long Knives	100	15	4
1,972 Jack Knives	15	14	7
734 Rochberry Knives	6	12	6
720 Scrapers @ 6*d.* each	18	0	0
346 Sword Blades @ 1*s.* 0*d.* each	17	6	0
174 Red Knitted Caps @ 4*d.* each	2	18	0
740 Powder Horns @ 3*s.* 6*d.* p. doz.	10	15	10
192 Pairs Women's Yarn Stockings @ 1*s.* 0*d.* per pair	9	12	0
¾ Cwt. Brass Wire @ £6. 15*s.* 0*d.* p. Cwt.	5	1	3
141 Guns @ 19*s.* 6*d.* each	137	9	6
	£340	4	0

See pp. 56, 60, 64. A.14/4, fos. 134d.–136, shows that of the above goods, which had been returned from the Bottom of the Bay, all the copper lace, caps, stockings and sword blades were sent to Port Nelson in 1683. Some of the knives, most of the scrapers, powder horns and guns were also sent there. The balance remained on the Company's hands.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs Following

To Mr. Rich. Cradock one of the Committee the last yeare for 95 times Attendance at 6*s*. 8*d*.	£31. 13. 4
To Thomas Plant and Jno. Abell Att. of Jno. Nixon Esqr. Governour at Hudsons Bay	£40. – –

Ordered that Mr. Rich. Cradock be desired to pay the Ballance of his Acco. Amo. unto £1. 15. 6 unto the Secretary who is to give him a Receipt for the same and to Acco. for it to the Committee.

Ordered that if any Buyers desire to have a Bill of Parcells or a receipt or Discharge when they have paid their money Into the Goldsmiths hands that the secretary Doe it.

Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten and Mr. Walker according to the desire of the last Committee have examined Mrs. Baylies and Capt. Greenwaies Accts. and find them as Follows

Mrs. Baylies Acco.

Due unto Mr. Charles Bayly from 12th Septembr. 1677 (for to that time his wife has given a Receipt in full as appeares in Mr. Wm. Walkers receipt book he then being Tres. for the Company) to the 2 of May 1678 (wch. is to the time of Establishing the Officers and serveants wages at Hudsons Bay) are 7 2/3 monthes at £50 p. Ann.	£31. 18. 10
From 2 May 1678 to the 6 January 1679 (the time he Dyed) are 20 Monthes and 4 Daies at £200 p. Ann.	£335. 11. 02
	£367. 10. 0

Payments made as Foll.

pd. Mrs. Bayly 5 May 1679	£25. – –	
pd. Mr. Wm. Walker for goods sent Mr. Baylie	£25. 09. –	
pd. Mr. Nehe. Walker in the Downes 10 March 1679	£5. – –	
pd. Mr. Baylies 2 Bills from the Downes by Mr. Wm. Walker	£13. 06. 06	£68. 15. 06
Due to Mrs. Baylie		£298. 14. 06

Capt. Greenwaies Acco.

pd. him 29 March 1680 advanced by the Compa. and is to be Deducted out of the first payment of the Fraight according to Charter Party Dated 29 March 1680	£100. – –
pd. him 29 Aprill 1680 as advanced upon Acco. of the passage and accommodation of the Compas. serveants outward and homeward	£60. – –
pd. Tho. Garret upon bond	£76. 02. 06
Carried Over	£236. 02. 06
Brought over	£236. 2. 6
Delivered you goods in the Factories att Hudsons Bay 9 August 1681	£00. 12. 8
For Goods Delivered your men then and there Amo. unto	£4. 5. 6
pd. 3 March 1681 unto Mr. Jno. Travers for Law	£1. 19. –
keeping 16 men of yours in the Factorey for 12 m. at 20*s*. p. month each man	£188. – –
For their passage home and victualling att £3. p. man	£48. – –
	£478. 19. 8

Ordered that the Secretary give unto Mrs. Bayley and Capt. Greenway a Coppy of each Acco. if they desire to have it.

Ordered that severall Cuttlers be invited to view over the knives that came home by the *Dilligence* and give in writeing sealed up what they will give for them.[1]

Adjourned until wednesday next in the Afternoon.

December 6, 1682

Att a Committee the 6 *December* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Wm. Walker	Mr. Jno. Cudworth
Mr. Jno. Letten	

Ordered that a dozen of each of the Knives that came home in the *Dilligence* as allso a Dozen of the scrapers be sent to morrow to Mr. Jno. Lettens who is desired to see what may be done with them for the Compa. Advantage.

Ordered Mr. Joseph Stacy, Mathew Hardeman, and Edward Windsop one that is recommended to the Committee by Mr. George Baron shall repaire the Guns returned from Hudsons Bay in the *Dilligence* to be equally Divided amongst them.

Elizabeth Carey humbley prayed this Committee that she might have some releife for her present support out of her sonne Tho. Careys wages who is gone in the Compa. service to Port Nellson. Ordered that she be quarterly allowed 25*s.* towards her present maintenance and that the Secretary pay her £1. 5.

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[1] See pp. 53, 60, 64.

Ordered the Secretary the rent for the seller under Scriveners Hall for halfe a yeare Due at Michalmas last as allso the Ballance of Mr. Haywards Acco. for wch. he is to be Accountable for the same to the Committee.

Ordered the Secretary make up Capt. Edwards and Capt. Reymers Acco. and present the same to the Committee.

Sr. James Hayes acquaintes the Committee he shall be out of Towne untill the latter end of the next weeke.

Adjourned untill next wednesday.

Att a Committee the 13 *December* 82
Present

December
13, 1682

Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Ger. Weymans

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summes Following.

To Rich. Allie Esqr. and Nico. Reymer in farther part payment for Freight of the *Lucy* to and from Hudsons Bay	£200
To Jam. Denew and Sam. Edwards in farther part payment for Freight to and from Hudsons Bay	£200

Ordered that the Secretary make up the Acco. wth. Mr. Jno. Lions[1] & if any thing be comeing to the Compa. the Secretary has Order by this Committee to receive it and be Accountable for the same to the Compa.

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[1] According to A.14/4, fos. 83d.–84, John Lyons supplied the Company with shot.

Mr. Ger. Weymans makeing reporte to this Committee he has sold all the Otter Skins in two Lotts qts. 180 Skins unto Mr. Ger. Van Heighhuson att 8½*s.* by Skin who is to be Allowed 1 p. Cent for prompt payment wch. this Committee aproves of.[1]

Ordered Mr. Truelock have notice given him to give his Attendance the next Committee.

Adjourned till next wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

December 20, 1682

Att a Committee 20 *Decembr.* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Wm. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Ger. Weymans	Mr. Jno. Cudworth
Mr. Jno. Letten	

Ordered that Capt. Covell be paid as Mate of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay under Capt. Neh. Walker for 16 monthes & 22 Daies att 20*s.* p. month according to an Agreemt. made wth. him the 26 Aprill 81 amo. unto £16. 14. 8.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and Summes Following

To Capt. Covell on Acco. of Wages	£16.	14.	8
To Mr. Francis Rainesford in farther parte paymt. of Fraight for the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay	£200.	–	–
To Isace Rede as a Gratuity given him the 13 Octobr. last	£10.	–	–

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[1] See pp. 37, 46, 51.

To Jerr. Griffith and the rest of the Porters for worke done about the Goods last imported	£23. 11. –

Ordered the Secretary peruse Mr. Jno. Stones Acco. & give reporte thereof the next Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be Desired to inspect Mr. Benj. Stones Acco. & intreated to give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Ordered that two Beavor skins, 1 paire shooes & 2 pr. Beavor mittens, a moose Skin Coate & 2 Caps now in the Compa. Warehouse be Delivered unto Isace Rede[1] wth. a present from Governr. Nixon of a Papouce Skin Sealed up to the Earle of Shasbury.[2]

Adjourned till Satterday come Seaven Night att 10 of the Clock in the morning the 30 Decembr. present.

Att a Committee 30 *Decembr.* 82
Present

December
30, 1682

Sr. James Hayes
Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Mr. Wm. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten

The Secretary reportes he has perused Mr. Jno. Stones Account wch. he openly read & find there is Due to him £2. 8. 4*d.* besides 18*s.* 4*d.* wch. Mr. Stone brings in for petty exspences wch. is allso allowed Ordered the Secretary prepare agst. the next Comittee a warrant for his Ballance & those exspences and take a Discharge in full for the same.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 296.

[2] Anthony Ashley Cooper, first Earl of Shaftesbury (see *H.B.S.*, V, 219–22), one of the original adventurers and a patron of John Nixon. Cf. Introduction, pp. xxii–iii, xxiv.

Mr. Jam. Denew & Capt. Edwards Acco. & allso Alderman Alie & Capt. Reymers Acco. being now read before the Committee was approved of & Ordered the Secretary to mind the Committee to graunt warrants aboute the middle of January next for what is Due to them.

Ordered that a Genll. Court be sommoned against next wednesday to meet at the Hudsons Bay House[1] at 10 of the Clock in the morning in Order to the chusing of a Governr. in the roome of his Highness Prince Rupert Deceased.[2]

Ordered the Knives & other things return'd the last Shiping[3] shall be exsposed to Sale the next Sale Day of wch. the Secretary is to take notice of.

Ordered that the powder & other Goods not vendable at Hudsons Bay be sent for home the next returne.

Adjourned till wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.[4]

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[1] I.e., at Scriveners' Hall. This is the first reference by name to Hudson's Bay House.

[2] His Highness Prince Rupert, the first Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, died from a fever on November 29, 1682.

[3] See pp. 53, 56, 64.

[4] The next Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 2, 1683, and a General Court and another Committee meeting were held on the following day.

Att a Committee 2 January 82
Present

N.S. January 2, 1683

Sr. Jams. Hayes	Mr. Wm. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Jno. Cudworth
Mr. Ger. Weymans	

Tomorrow being the Day appointed according to the Order of the last Committee for a Genll. Court for chusing a Governour in the place of his Highness Prince Rupert Deceased. It was now moved how the Compa. should proceed to the Election of a Governr. whither by Balleting or whither the Depty. Governr. should propose a person to the Compa. It is the opinion of this Committee that the Compa. should proceed in their usuall method by bringing in their votes & putt them into the Ballating Glass.[1]

Capt. Rich. Greenway humbly petitioned this Comittee they wold be pleased to give him something out of Charity for his greate Loss of Shipwracke he sustained at Hudsons Bay in the yeare 1680[2] The Comittee considering his necessitous condition Doe order those Goods of his formerly attacted in Mr. Jno. Graves hands wch. he vallews worth £38. be Delivered him provided he givs the Compa. a full Discharge of all Acco. & Demands whatsoever & Deliver up the Charter Party signed by Mr. Jno. Letten Mr. Hen. Meese and Mr. Rich. Cradock Dated 29 March 1680 on behalfe of the Compa. And then the Compa. Orders the Secretary to give the sd. Capt. Greenway a full Discharge & Deliver him up the Charter Party he signed Dated 29 March 1680 And an

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[1] For the difficulties involved in this election see Introduction, pp. xxiii–iv.

[2] In the *Prudent Mary*.

Order to Mr. Jno. Graves to Deliver up to him the aforesd. Goods.

Adjourned unto the 3 instant at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

N.S.
January 3,
1683

Att a Generall Court 3 *January* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Chris. Yates
Wm. Earle of Craven	Mr. Fran. Tyssen [1]
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Edw. Adams
Mr. Jno. Letten	Geo. Earle of Berkly
Mr. Wm. Walker	

Att a Genll. Courte held by the Compa. of Adventurers of England tradeing into Hudson Bay for the Electing a Governr. of the said Compa. in the place of his Highness Prince Rupert Deceased

His Royall Highness the Duke of Yorke
was chosen Governr. by the unanimous
consent of the Compa. Nemine Contra Dicente

Whereupon it is Ordered
That Sr. Jam. Hayes Depty. Governr., Sr. Chris. Wren Wm. Young Esqr. & Mr. Walker doe attend his Royall Highness wth. the notice of this Election & the Right Honnourable the Earle of Craven a Member of this Compa. is Desired to introduce them to his Royall Highness, humbly to desire his gratious Acceptance of the Governmt. & that he would be pleased to take the Compa. under his patronage and Protection.

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[1] Francis Tyssen, junior.

N.S.
January 3,
1683

Att a Committee 3 January 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Ger. Weymans
Mr. Wm. Walker

The Comittee haveing now perused a Sheame of what Goods are necessary to buy against the next Shipping wch. they approve of Ordered the Secretary bring it into Order and present the same against the next Comittee as allso give them an Acco. what Serveants are necessary for them to send the next Shipping.

Ordered that Edw. Buggby of Shadwell and Jno. Bridgar of Redriffe Coopers Doe the Compa. worke to be equally Divided between them.

Ordered the Secretary give notice to mr. Henry Serjant[1] to attend the next Comittee Day.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto the Porters 10*s.* and to his Maid Serveants each 10*s.* in all 30*s.*

Ordered that the old Guns returned home by the *Dilligence* be Delivered to the 3 Gunsmiths according to the Order of the Committee 6 Decembr. last (viz.) to Joseph Stacy, Mathew Hardeman & Edw. Windsop & such reperations done aboute them as Mr. Trulock has now given in.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Mate Rawlings[2] the Summe of £1. as a Gratuity for his Journall he presented the Compa. & he is Ordered to Attend the Committee next Munday.

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[1] Henry Sergeant's biography will appear in a later volume in this series.

[2] This journal has not been traced in the Company's archives.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Onesiphourus Albin for Disbursements for the Compa. use & to be Accountable to them for the same £20.

Ordered Mr. Sam. Banner provide 400 hatchetts for Port Nellson against the next Shipping.

Ordered all the Guns that were returned the last voyage be put in good repaire & sent to Porte Nellson the next voyage as allso all the return'd powder hornes & all the returnd Scrapers be fitted up by Mr. Kempston & sent to Porte Nellson.[1]

Ordered that a full moiety of Provisions be sent the next voyage of what was sent the last yeare to every respective Factory And a fourth parte of Ships Stores that was sent to the bottome of the Bay.

Ordered that the moiety in vallew of house & Ships Stores as was sent to Port Nellson last be sent the next Shipping.

Adjourned to munday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

N.S.
January 8, 1683

Att a Committee 8 *January* 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Geo. Baron
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Ger. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Jno. Letten	

Ordered that Mr. Gerr. Weymans Mr. Jno. Letten Mr. Geo. Baron and Mr. Wm. Walker be appointed a Sub Committee how and when to buy the Goods necessary for the next

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[1] See pp. 53, 56, 60.

Shipping and to meet as soon and when they please And that the Coppy of the Cargoe now agreed upon by this Committee be Delivered to each of the Sub Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following as

To Rich. Alie Esqr. and Capt. Nico. Reymer in full for Fraight of the *Lucy* to and from Hudsons Bay	£263. 17. –
To Capt. Nico. Reymer as a Gratuity	£50. – –
To Mr. James Denew & Capt. Sam. Edwards in full for Fraight of the *Friendship* to and from Hudsons Bay	£258. 10. –
To Capt. Sam. Edwards as a Gratuety	£50. – –
To Capt. Sam. Edwards for necessarys Delivered by him to Governr. Nixon	£12. 12. –
To the Masters & Wardens of Scriveners for ¼ Rent Due 25 Octobr. last	£15. – –
To Onesiphourus Albin lent him upon Account	£40. – –

Adjourned till wednesday come Seaven night at three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Subcommittee 15 *January* 1682
Present

N.S.
January 15,
1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Ger. Weymans
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. George Baron

According to the Order of the Committee the 8th present the Sub Comittee for Trade mett and by the Order of that Committee the Secretary Delivered to each of the Sub Committee a Coppy of the Cargoe for the next Shipping and will take it into their consideration and acquaint the Committee of whome they doe intend to buy the said Cargoe.

Sr. James Hayes acquaints this Committee that his Royall Highness would have a Coppy of the Charter[1]—Ordered Mr. Shuster write a faire Coppy of the Charter and that Sr. James Hayes be Desired to present the Same to his Highness.

Ordered Mr. Jno. Abraham[2] and Mr. Thomas Garland Attend the Subcommittee on Satterday next about 11 of the Clock in the morneing.

Adjourned untill Satterday morneing next to 9 of the Clock in the morneing.

N.S.
January 17,
1683

Att a Committee 17 *January* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Geo. Baron
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Jno.Cudworth

Mr. Wm. Walker the Atto. exhibited to this Committee a Bill of Charges att Law Ordered the Secretary to peruse the said Bill and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Ordered the Subcommittee for Trade be Desired to inspect Mr. Rayesfords Account and give report thereof the next Committee.[3]

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[1] Cf. p. 75.

[2] John Abraham's biography will appear in a later volume in this series.

[3] A.1/6, fo. 8d., has the following additional entry: "Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. pay unto James Goweth for boxes & 15 gun cases £4. 8."

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Cap. Rich. Greenway 30*s*.[1] for and towards warehouse room of those Goods Attached by the Compa. in Mr. Jno. Graves hands provided Capt. Greenway Deliver up all papers Signed by Governr. Nixon or any of the Compa. Serveants relateing to the Compa. business.

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 20 *January* 82
Present

N.S.
January 20,
1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Ger. Weymans	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Jno. Cudworth

Sr. James Hayes haveing now presented an Answer to the French Ambassinders Memoriall of the Compa. Trade into Hudsons Bay wch. was read and approved of Ordered the Secretary Signe it and that Sr. James Hayes be requested to present the Same to the Kings Majesty.[2]

The Adjournement continues as Did the last Committee.

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[1] There is no record of this payment in the ledger A.14/4.

[2] The memorial protesting against the English settlements in Hudson Bay presented to the English Court on January 10, 1683. It was based on a letter dated November 11, 1682, from de la Barre, Governor of New France, to the Marquis de Seignelay. An extract from this letter and a draft of Hayes' reply are in A.6/1, fos. 26–7. See also P.R.O., C.O. 134/1, pp. 1–4, C.O. 1/66, Nos. 107 and 110, and C.O. 135/1, pp. 26–29. Copies of the "Memoire presenté a LEmbassadeur de France" dated March 3, 1683, based on Hayes' draft, written in French, and signed by Sir Leoline Jenkins, Secretary of State, are in A.6/1, fo. 36–36d., and P.R.O., C.O. 134/1, pp. 5–15, C.O. 135/1, pp. 29–36, and C.O. 389/8, pp. 197–205. See also G. L. Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, (New York, 1943), pp. 198–9.

N.S.
January 20,
1683

Att a Subcommittee 20 *January* 1682
Present

Mr. Geo. Baron	Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Wm. Walker

This Committee Did now conclude who of this Committee shall buy the next Cargo of wch. the Secretary is Ordered to draw out for each of them a perticuler Account.

Ordered Mr. Charles Bridgar be entertained in the Compa. Service as their Sale maker and provide what Sales are necessary to be sent to Hudsons Bay the next Expedition.

It is the Judgment of this Subcommittee that it be referred to the Committee to agree for the Quantety and prices For these things following: Powder, Beefe & Porke, Bread flower, Oatemeale pease, and Mault.

N.S.
January 24,
1683

Att a Committee 24 *January* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Geo. Baron
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Jno. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Gerr. Weymans	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Wm. Walker Atturney for Law charges he has bin at for the Compa. according to his bill now exhibited the Summ of £28. 16. –.

Ordered Mr. Whitager now in the Bay be sent for home by the next returne.

Mr. Benjamin Gorst, Jno. Egreman, Jno. Mettam and Jno. Shaw presenting themselves to Serve the Compa. at Hudson Bay & Thomas Welsh at Porte Nellson Ordered that they Attend the Committee some other time.

Ordered that the Secretary give notice to Mr. Henry Sergeant to Attend on the Committee the next Committee Day.

Ordered the Secretary coppy faire out into the Coppy Book of lrs. outward the French Embassinders memoriall exhibited against the Compa. wth. Sr. Jam. Hayes Answer thereunto in the Compa. behalfe.[1]

Adjourned till next wednesday.

Att a Committee 31 *January* 1682
Present

N.S.
January 31,
1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Gerr. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Wm. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	

Ordered Mr. Evens and Company pay these persons and summs Following

To Francis Raynesford in full for Fraight of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudson Bay	£208.	4.	5
To Thomas Crecher for Joynery worke	£46.	9.	–

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Mr. Wm. Walker for a Trunck braced wth. Iron wth. 2 locks and two Stands wch. have bin in the Compa. posession Some yeares the Summ of £1.

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[1] See p. 67, n. 2, and p. 80.

Mr. Jno. Stones case being againe taken into consideration

Ordered the Ballance Due to him be pd. him amo.	£2.	8.	4
more for petty charges now exhibited in a Bill	£0.	19.	4
And the Compa. Doe freely give him over and above as a Gratuety	£2.	–	–
	£5.	07.	8
Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Jno. Stone in full of all Accounts to this Day the Summ of	£5.	07.	08

Ordered the £200 Stock in the Princes name must now be in the name of the Princes Executor.[1]

Ordered the Secretary give Charles Bridgar Directions to make the Sales for the *Colleton* Yaught & *Hayes* Sloope now in the Bay.

Ordered the Butts, puncheons and hhgs. now in the Warehouse be Delivered unto the two Coopers the Compa. has made choise of to doe their worke this yeare.

Resolved on that 2 Ships shall be hired for the next Expedition one for the bottome of the Bay and the other for Porte Nellson.

Mr. Henry Sergeant is now made choise of for Governr. in Hudsons Bay and tooke his Oath of Fidelity to the Compa. his Sallery as Governr. according to the Establishment at £200 by yeare to commence att his Arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Ordered hereupon that Mr. Henry Sergeant now chosen Governr. make his open Application to the Secretary who has

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[1] William, Earl of Craven, was Prince Rupert's executor. For a copy of the will see J. G. Nichols and J. Bruce (eds.), *A Selection from the Wills of Eminent Persons proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury* 1495–1695 (London, The Camden Society, 1863), pp. 142–3. See p. 78.

Order from this Committee to Shew him the Companys business.

It is the Resolutions of this Committee to Entertaine Mr. John Abraham and Mr. Thomas Garland in their Service the first to goe as Commander for Porte Nellson in that Ship the Compa. does purpose to send the next yeare & Thos. Garlande to be Comander of the *Colleton* Yaught upon Such wages as they shall judg them capable to merrit and for their care and paines before they enter into the Compa. Service in given Attendance to the Subcommittee for Trade they shall be Gratified for the Same.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. pay unto Jno. Abraham and Tho. Garland to each of them £2 in all £4. wch. is upon Account of Subsistance money.

The Comittee now takeing into consideration the Sale of the Remainder of their Coate Beavor and martin Skins Ordered that the time of Sale of the abovesaid Goods be on wednesday the 14 March next and the Secretary give notice thereof by the first by putting up Notes thereof upon the Exchange as usuall.

Ordered that it be referred to the Subcommittee for Trade to consider of some fitt persons to sorte out the Coate Beavor.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

N.S.
February 7,
1683

Att a Committee the 7 February 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Ger. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Jno. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Geo. Baron	

Ordered it be referred to the Subcommittee for Trade to order the lotting out the Coate Beavor that remaines unsold as they shall thinke most for the Advantage of the Compa.

Sr. James Hayes acquaints this Committee that Henry Cornish[1] Esqr. has transferred unto Mr. Jno. Humphrys[2] Clerke his Stock in the Compa. wch. this Comittee appoves of Ordered the Secretary give Attendance on Henry Cornish Esqr. wth. the book of Assignements to have the Same transferred therein.

Simon Hardmonson presenting himselfe to serve the Compa. for 3 yeares in the Bay as Seaman wch. this Committee will take notice of.

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[1] See Introduction, pp. xxii, xxiv. According to A.40/1, fos. 26d.–27, and A.43/1, passim, Henry Cornish of London, merchant, became an adventurer on June 14, 1678, when he acquired £300 stock. He sold this on March 10 following, but he acquired a further £400 stock on November 20, 1679. At the time of the transaction referred to above Cornish's holding amounted to £550. He sold £200 worth to John Humfrey and the remaining £350 he kept until July 14, 1683, when he assigned it to Thomas Ellis of London, merchant. For an account of the events leading up to Henry Cornish's execution for treason on October 23, 1685, see the *Dictionary of National Biography* and cf. A. Beaven, *The Aldermen of the City of London* . . . (London, 1913), II, 192.

[2] According to A.1/40, fos. 30d.–31, John Humfrey, clerk, of St. Giles in the Fields, Middlesex, first became a stockholder on May 31, 1682, when he bought £150 worth from Abigaill Blake, sister of Sir James Hayes. Besides the £200 worth acquired from Henry Cornish, Humfrey bought £150 worth from John Cudworth on March 7, 1683. He had disposed of his entire holding by December 20, 1686. See pp. 326–27.

Ordered the Secretary coppy out faire all the Instructions and letters [1] that were Sent to Hudsons Bay the last Expedition.

Ordered that the warehouse Keeper take 1 li. of the Red weed in the Warehouse and make tryall thereof and give reporte how he findes it to the Committee Allso he Deliver a box of Isingglass [2] to the Secretary that soe the new Governr. Mr. Sergeant may be fully instructed aboute the Goodness there of.

Adjourned till next wednesday.

N.S.
February
14, 1683

Att a Committee 14 *February* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Jno. Cudworth
Mr. Ger. Weymans

Mr. Jno. Legendre [3] did desire his Lott of Beavor he bought the 15 November last wch. this Committee will not Deliver untill he has paid the Compa. the prompt money amount unto £1. 07. 10 he Alledgeth he did bring the ½ parte of the Lott to Mr. Evens & Compa. who refused to receive it Ordered that Mr. Legendre and the Secretary goe tomorrow to Mr. Evens & Compa. to know of them how farr this is true he Allegth & give reporte thereof the next Committee.

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[1] Copies of the correspondence in connection with the 1682 expedition are to be found in A.6 1, fos. 13b.–25d.

[2] I.e., slude (Russian mica, sometimes called isinglass). Both slude and true isinglass derived from sturgeons' bladders were believed by the Committee to be available at the Bottom of the Bay, and mica was mined at Eastmain River in 1685. True isinglass would probably not be found in the quantity which the Committee contemplated.

[3] See p. 47, n. 1.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Thom. Gray for Wine etc. sent to Hudsons Bay £25. 19.
To Joseph Albin for ¼ Sallery Due the 3 instant £6. 05.

Ordered that the 6 men appointed for Porte Nellson shall be Seamen.

Sr. James Hayes reportes to this Committee that Capt. Allen did acquainte him of a Pinck of aboute 80 or 90 Tons burthen wold be Serviceable for the Compa. the next Expedition Ordered that Sr. James Hayes be desired to inquire farther aboute this pinck & to Order Capt. Nehe. Walker to goe and veiw the same and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Adjourned till next Wednesday.

N.S.
February
21, 1683

Att a Committee 21 *February* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Jno. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Ger. Weymans	

Mr. Robt. Curtis desireing to serve the Compa. as he did the last yeare in flower pease and Oatemeale unto that end he now exhibits to this Committee in a paper how he can afford them (viz.)

Flower at 7*s*. by bushell
Pease at 4½*s*. by bushell
Oatemeale att 5*s*. 4*d*. p. bushell

wch. this Committee will consider of.

Mr. Peude the Cooper informes the Committee he has 3 Tons of the Compa. caskes in his posession since the last Shiping Ordered that he fitt up the Said 3 Tons of caskes against the next Shiping.

Sr. James Hayes now exhibited a Bill of Disbursements amo. unto £24. 05. 06 £20 of wch. he formerly received soe the Ballance Due to him is £4. 05. 06.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Sr. James Hayes on Acco. of Disbursements he has allready made according to his Bill } £4. 5. 6

Mr. Stephen St. Clare is entertained in the Compa. Service to imbarke from hence to Porte Nellson the next Shipping for 4 yeares at £6. 8. 10 and 12 p. Annum to commence from the time he shall Arrive in the Countrey.

Ordered that it be left to the care of Mr. Gerr. Weymans and Mr. Jno. Letten to treate wth. Mr. Raynesford for his Ship called the *Dilligence* or any such like Ship for the bottome of the Bay the next Expedition allso to hire a good Ship of about 60 Tonns for Porte Nellson.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Mr. Wm. Wyburne for writeing out the Pattent[1] that was presented to his Royall Highness 15*s*.

The Committee being adviced that the Furriers who are imploied in Sorteing the last Beavor that aboute 2/5 of it is an inferior sorte and 3/5 is full growne It is now Ordered that the inferior Beavor be sorted out into Lotts of 200 Skins and set up att Sale att 11*s*. p. li. and the better sorte shall be sorted out into Lotts of 100 Skins and set up at Sale at 15*s*. p. li.

Adjourned untill next wednesday.

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[1] Cf. p. 66.

N.S.
February
28, 1683

Att a Committee 28 *February* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Ger. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Wm. Walker[1]
Wm. Young Esqr.	

Ordered that Mr. Robt. Curtis furnish the Compa wth. flower Oatemeale and pease for the next Expedition the Quantety and prices agreed for are as Follows.

	C.		
For Hayes Island	84	flower	at 7*s*. p. bushell
For Rupert River	18	Ditto	
For Chychewan	84	Ditto	
For Porte Nellson	23	Ditto	
	C. 219 [sic]		

For Hayes Island	13	bushells Oatemeale	att 5*s*. 4*d*. p. bushell
For Rupert River	3	Ditto	
For Chychewan	7	Ditto	
For Porte Nellson	23	Ditto	
bushels	46		

For Hayes Island	110	bushells pease	at 4*s*. 6*d*. p. bushell
For Rupert River	9	Ditto	
For Chychewan	110	Ditto	
For Porte Nellson	50	Ditto	
bushells	279		

wch. flower, Oatemeale and pease is to be made ready against the 12 Aprill next and has liberty to make use of his owne Cooper.

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[1] A.1/6, fo. 12d. also lists John Letten as being present at this meeting.

Mr. Wm. Bath Desireing to serve the Compa. as he did the last yeare wth. mault and bread wch. this Comittee are willing unto and doe agree wth. him as Follows

	C.	
Bread for Rupert River	4	att 11*s*. p. C.
Ditto for Porte Nellson	16	

The best Hartfordshire mault

For Hayes Island	78 bushells	at 28*s*. p. Quarter
For Rupert River	20 Ditto	
For Chychewan	78 Ditto	
For Port Nellson	50 Ditto	
	Bushells 226	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto these persons following wch. warrants runs for Goods bought by them for the use of the Compa.

To Mr. Jno. Letten pble. to Mr. Jno. Mason	£327. 08. 10
To Mr. Geo. Baron	£250. 18. 09
To Mr. Wm. Walker	£148. 16. 07
To Mr. Ger. Weymans	£279. 12. 06

Mr. Arthur Moore makeing his application to this Committee for some Allowance upon the two Lotts he bought the 15 Novembr. last[1] he Alledging he pd. for one Lott in time Ordered the Secretary pay unto Mr. Moore the Allowance of prompt money for one Lott and place the Same to Account.

The Coate Beavor & Vissers Skins being now Divided into Lotts Ordered the Secretary take care to gett them printed as

16 Lotts coate Beavor each qts. 200 Skins more or less at 11*s*. p. li. to Advance 2*d*. each bidding.

46 Lotts Coate Beavor each qts. 100 Skins more or less at 15*s*. p. li. to advance 2*d*. each bidding.

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[1] See p. 47, n. 1.

8 Lotts of Vissers each qts. 215 Skins more or less at 2½*s.* p. Skin to Advance 1*d.* each bidding.

One Lott of Vissers qts. 193 Skins at 6*d.* p. skin to Advance 1*d.* each bidding.[1]

And it is concluded upon by this Committee that these words be expressed in the preamble the next Sale. We will not expose to Sale any more Coate Beavor but what is now exposed to Sale untill this time 12 month and not under the prices wch. are now sett up all wch. Lotts & preamble the Secretary is Ordered to prepare for the next Committes perusiall before it be printed.

Sr. James Hayes acquaints this Committee the Earle of Craven Executor to his Highness Prince Rupert has transferred to him £100 of the Princes Stock wch. the Committee approves of.

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[1] The sale duly took place on March 14, 1683, (see p. 85), but it was apparently a failure. The account headed "Coate Beavor" in the ledger A.14/4, fos. 37d.–38, contains no record of any coat beaver being sold on this occasion, but according to A.15/2, fos. 56d.–57, and A.14/4, fos. 45d.–46, and 72d.–73, the vissers (martens) and warehouse waste realised the following amounts:

Goods	Buyer	No. of Lots	No. of Skins	Weight	Price per skin							
				lbs.	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Vissers (martens)	David Sarazin	1	215		2	11	31	7	1	31	7	1
" "	John Rolfe	1	215		2	8	28	13	4	28	13	4
" "	Thomas Byfield	1	193			7	5	12	7			
" "	" "	2	430		2	9	59	2	6			
" "	" "	1	215		2	10	30	9	2			
" "	" "	1	215		2	11	31	7	1			
" "	" "	1	215		3	0	32	5	0	158	16	4
" "	William Baker	1	215		2	10	30	9	2	30	9	2
Waste of Warehouse	William Pittson			86		7*	2	10	2	2	10	2
										£251	16	1
	Less total amount of rebate of 1% allowed to buyers for prompt payment, according to Rebate Account (A.14/4, fos. 142d.–143)									2	10	3
										£249	5	10

* per lb.

Mr. Francis Tyssen acquaints the Committee he has transferred £500 of his Stock unto Mr. Jos. Ashhurst[1] wch. allso they approve of.

Adjourned untill Friday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 2 *March* 1682
Present

N.S. March 2, 1683

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans	

This Committee doe agree upon the Lotts to be printed against the next Sale as allso the Bonds Ordered the Secretary cause to be printed 15 Quire of Lotts and 80 Bonds.

Mr. Banner being Ordered to provide 400 hatchetts for Porte Nellson It is Ordered likewise that he provide the Knives for Porte Nellson and for the bottome of the Bay Ordered the Secretary give Mr. Banner the perticuler sortes that he is to make ready against the next Expedition wch. must be against 12 Aprill next.

Mr. Wm. Hawkins desireing to serve the Compa. as he did the last yeare wth. Beefe and Porke wch. the Committee is willing to provided he does it one wth. the other at 25*s*. p. C. wch. price Mr. Hawkins desires to consider of till next Committee Day wch. they consent unto.

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[1] According to A.14/3, fo. 57, A.40/1, fo. 43, and A.43/1, fo. 26, Joseph Ashurst, citizen and merchant taylor of London, first acquired stock (£300) on March 16, 1681. At the time of his death, which occurred before April 24, 1684, he held £500 stock and under the terms of his will this amount was transferred to William Ashurst, also a merchant taylor of London.

Sr. Jam. Hayes presenting the Secretaries Answer to the French Memoriall wch. was read & approved of & thanks returned Sr. Jam. Hayes for his greate care & paines in this Affaire.[1]

Ordered Sr. Jam. Hayes may take out of the Office the Coppey Booke of Letters outward.[2]

Adjourned till next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

N.S.
March 7,
1683

Att a Committee 7 March 1682
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

The preamble to the Sale was now read and approved of wch. is to be faire written out.

The printed Bonds were allso read and approved of and Ordered that the Bonds shall be made payable as follows

To Stephen Evens and Compa. all the Stage Beavor Coates begining No. 1 to 16 and sett up at 11*s*. p. li. and the Vissers in 9 Lotts and the wast of the warehouse and To Mr. Gerr. Weymans the full growne Beavor from Lott No. 17 to 62 sett up at 15*s*. p. li.

The Secretary now exhibited an Account [3] of what Goods the Compa. Serveants in the bottome of the Bay Did use in a yeare. Ordered Mr. Jno. Letten be Desired to buy those Goods the perticulers of wch. was now Delivered him.

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[1] See p. 67, n. 2.

[2] A.6/1.

[3] This account has not been traced.

Mr. Wm. Hawkins Butcher appearing before this Committee (according to the Order of the last Committee) to give in his Answer how he cold lett the Compa. have Beef and Porke who is willing to serve them at 25*s*. 6*d*. p. C. wch. this Committee doe agree to: Provided the Beefe be of Stall fed oxen the least to weigh 7 C. and the Porke to be large and fatt. the tongus to be weighed wth. the beefe all wch. must be made ready against the 12 Aprill next. the Quantety is as Follows

	li		C.			
Beefe	2480	for Hayes Island	25	1818	li. of Porke	12½
Ditto	440	for Rupert River	4½	801	li. Ditto	7¼
Ditto	2560	for Chychewan	25	1452	li. Ditto	13¼
Ditto	1760	for Porte Nellson	18½	1224	li. Ditto	11½
Beefe	7240	li. C.	73	Porke 5295	li.	C. 44¼[sic]

The Beefe is to be cutt in 8 li. peeces and the Porke into 6 li. peeces and when he begins to Kill he is to give notice thereof to the Secretary who is to see it weighed and packed.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Mr. Wm. Hawkins upon Acco. of Beefe and porke to be Delivered to the Compa. £100.

Adjourned till next Fryday to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 9 *March* 1682
Present

N.S.
March 9,
1683

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren

Ordered that ticketts be forthwith printed that the Buyers of the Beavor shall have 2 m. time given them for the paying what they shall buy at Sale.

Mr. Weymans acquaints this Committee that he & Sr. Jam. Hayes according to the power given them have hired the good Ship called the *Dilligence* of Mr. Francis Rainesford owner thereof & Capt. Nehemiah Walker to goe Comander to and from Hudsons Bay for £1075 and the Committee to Advance £100 wch. this Comittee approves of.

Ordered Mr. Gerr. Weymans be Desired to hire a fitt & convenient vessell for Porte Nellson and what Agreement he shall make for her this Committee will acquiess therein.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Allice Grover for printing £5.

Ordered Sr. Jam. Hayes and Mr. Weymans be Desired to Audit the Secretarys Accounts of petty charges & Disbursements made for the Compa. use.

Ordered the Secretary agree wth. Mr. Benjamin Stone as well as he can for the Compa. good not exceeding 40*s*.

Elizabeth Cary humbly requesting this Committee that her sonn Thos. Cary may be called home from Porte Nellson wch. this Committee doe graunte.

Ordered the Scaffold be sett up against the Sale Day in the Committee roome.

Adjourned till tuesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 13 *March* 1682
Present

N.S.
March 13,
1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker

Mr. Weymans acquaints this Committee according to their desire he has hired a Vessell called the *George* Kettch burthen 75 Tonns and have Agreed for £7. 10. p. Tonn for 60 Tonns to goe from hence and back from Porte Nellson whereof Jno. Abrahams is to goe Comander £50 Imprest to be paid unto Mr. Weymans on Acco. of Fraight who is to enter into Charter party to performe the Conditions Agreed to.

Mr. Jam. Walker[1] presenting his humble Service to the Compa. as Warehouse keeper at Port Nellson wch. this Committee doe accept of and doe Agree wth. him for 5 yeares certaine at £20 p. Ann. his wages to commence upon his Arrivall at Porte Nellson who tooke the Oath of Fidelity to the Company.

Hugh Verner presenting himselfe to serve the Compa. in that capacity he formerly served them in as cheife at Rupert River whom they haveing full experience of his former Abillities & faithfullness Doe agree wth. him for £40 p. Ann. for 4 yeares his wages to commence from the time of his Arrivall in the Bay who tooke the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

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[1] James Walker was a son of William Walker, the Committee Member, and a brother of William Walker, the attorney, and Captain Nehemiah Walker. According to A.1/8, fo. 26d., James Walker was sent back to England in the autumn of 1684 by Governor Abrahams as he " was Quarrelsome etc." A request for a gratuity was refused on April 14, 1685, but on May 15 following (ibid., fo. 32) the Committee allowed James Walker a " Free Gift " of £10 in response to his father's request " for some Considerable kindness to be shewed to his sonne ".

Tho. Garland is taken into the Compa. Service and appointed to be Mr. of the *Colleton* Yaught now in the Bay who is to have his Comission for the Same from hence £50 p. Ann. for 3 yeares and because he has bin an old serveant in the Compa. Service and for his farther incouragemt. will allow him a boye and give him 12*s*. p. mo. Both whose wages are to commence from the time they arrive at the bottome of Hudsons Bay. Tho. Garland tooke the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

Ordered that 3 quire of the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa. be forthwith printed as allso severall coppies of Indentures the Compa. Serveants are to Subscribe.

Adjourned till Fryday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

N.S.
March 16, 1683

Att a Committee 16 *March* 82
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

The Charter party between the Compa. and Mr. Fran. Rainesford parte Owner of the Ship *Dilligence* and Capt. Nehe. Walker Comander was now openly read and approved of Ordered the Secretary Signe the Compa. parte in these words By Order of the Governr. & Compa. of Adventurers of England trading to Hudsons Bay

Onesiphourus Albin Secretary.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. pay unto Fran. Rainsford by way of Imprest on Acco. of Fraight of the *Dilligence* now bound to and from Hudsons Bay £100.

Ordered that Mr. Rich. Levitt who has the Celler under Scriveners Hall be warned to goe out of the Same at Michellmas next.[1]

The Acco. of the Dinner on the last Sale the 14th instant amo. unto £6. 12. 10 was now read and approved of Ordered the Secretary place the same to Account.

Jno. Egreman is taken into the Compa. Service as Mr. Shipwrite and cheife Carpenter for the Bottome of the Bay for 4 yeares at the rate of £3. 5*s*. p. mo. his wages to commence at his Arrivll. in the Bay who tooke the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

Ordered the Secretary and his Sonne give Attendance at the weighing of the Beefe and Porke Capt. Abraham & Thomas Garland is to give Attendance there likewise.

The Secretary informes this Committee he has Recd. of Captaine Goodle and the rest of the Searchers at the Custome house £8. 15. 9 as an over plus paid them the last Shipping by Mr. Cradock Ordered he give Receipt for the same in the Compa. bookes.

Francis Merrick Seaman is now entertained in the Compa. Service at 25*s*. p. month for 3 yeares his wages to commence at his Arrivall at Hudsons Bay who tooke the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

John Driver of Ipsidg[2] in the County of Suffolk Taylor is entertained in the Compa. Service for five yeares at £6[3] by yeare to commence from the time of his Arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

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[1] See pp. 24, 138.

[2] I.e., Ipswich.

[3] For Governor Nixon's remarks on and proposals regarding wages see *H.B.S.*, VIII, 251, 252, 253, 256, 277, 278, 283–4, 287–9, 292.

Jam. Sinclare of Scouros[1] in Scotland bred up at Sea is entertained in the Compa. Service for five yeares at £6 p. Ann. his wages to commence from the time of his Arrivall at Hudsons Bay.

Jno. Fullerton of Edenburgh Tradesman is Entertained in the Compa. Service for four yeares. The first yeare at £6 the Second yeare at £8 the third yeare at £10 and the fourth yeare at £12 his Wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Jno. Couter of Edenburgh Tradesman is Entertained in the Compa. Service for four yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second yeare at £8 the third yeare at £10 and the fourth yeare at £12 by yeare his wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Jam. Moody of Leeth in Scotland Cooper is Entertained in the Compa. Service for four yeares at £15 p. yeare his Wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Capt. Jno. Abram and Thomas Garland for Subsistence money to each £6 in all £12.

Adjourned till next Wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 44 and 203 for the wages paid to Scotsmen in 1680 and 1682, and ibid., p. 277, for Governor Nixon's recommendation that " if England can not furnish yow with men, Scotland can, for that countrie is a hard country to live in . . . I am sure that they will serve for 6 pound pr. yeare, and be better content, with their dyet then Englishmen will be . . . "

Att a Committee 21 *March* 82
Present

N.S.
March 21,
1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

The Charter party between the Compa. and Mr. Ger. Weymans parte Owner of the Ketch *George* and Jno. Abraham Mr. was now openly read and approved of. Ordered the Secretary signe the Compa. parte in these Wordes. By Order of the Governr. and Compa. of Adventurers of England tradeing to Hudsons Bay.

Onesiphourus Albin Secretary.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. Ger. Weymans by way of Imprest on Acco. of Fraight of the *George* Ketch now bound to and from Hudsons Bay £50.

Ordered that Tho. Garland bespeake of Mrs. Jacobs a Jack ancient and pettant[1] for the *Colleton* yaught now at Hudsons Bay.

Sr. Jam. Hayes and Wm. Young Esqr. acquaints this Committee that they are to goe into the Countrey Ordered that any 3 members of the Committee may meet as a Subcommittee and prepare business for the meeting of the Committee.

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[1] The *Colleton* did not hold a warrant to fly the Union Jack, so the "Jack" would have been the "Jack white", and the "ancient" (a corruption of "ensign"), the "Ensign Red" as described on p. 18, n. 3. The "pettant", i.e., "pendant" or "pennon" was a long streamer of three colours for the whole of its width flown from the maintopgallant masthead (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Eleventh Edition). A.15/2, fo. 61, April 20, 1683, "Stores for Chychewan Drs. to Eliz. Jacob £3: 7: – for a new suite vanes & cullers for the *Colleton* yaught . . ."

Agreed wth. Jno. Shaw to goe for the bottome of the Bay the next Expedition and to remaine there for 3 yeares at £16 p. Ann. his wages to commence the time he shall arrive at Hudsons Bay.

Agreed wth. Jos. pollard Seaman to goe to the Bay the next Expedition and to remaine there 3 yeares at 25*s*. p. mo. his wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Agreed wth. Archybald Mac Arthur[1] of the Heigh Lands in Scotland Gent. for 4 yeares at £6 the first £8 the Second £10 the third and £12 the fourth yeare his wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Agreed wth. Jno. Mechin Sayer for 3 yeares the first and second yeare at £13 by yeare and the third yeare at £16 his Wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Agreed wth. Phillip Scovell Shipwrite for 3 yeares at 45*s*. p. mo. his Wages to commence from the time he shall Arrive in the Bay.

Agreed wth. Edw. Coles Shipwrite for 3 yeares at 30*s*. p. mo. his wages to commence from the time he shall Arrive in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay as

To Ger. Griffith and Rich. Cley porters for worke done	£5
To Ones. Albin for Disbursements for the Compa. use	£10

The Indentures for the Compa. Serveants was now read and approved of Ordered that 10 quire of them be forthwith printed.

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[1] See p. 86, n. 1. This man does not appear to have gone to Hudson Bay.

Agreed wth. Thos. Welsh for 3 yeares for Port Nellson at £16 p. yeare his wages to commence from the time he shall arrive at Porte Nellson.

Adjourned till next Satterday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee the 24 *March* 1682
Present

N.S.
March 24,
1683

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Letten be Desired to buy the Thred Tapes, Needles and buttons the Quantety as was last yeare and pack them up for each Factory by it selfe as it was the last yeare.

On the 9th instant Thomas Carey now at Port Nellson hired for 3 yeares was then Allowed for to come home if he wold wch. shall not be a President in the future that any of the Compa. Serveants shall come home untill the time and times of such serveants be fully compleated and ended according to their contracts made wth. them.

Ordered the Warehouse keeper Deliver unto Mr. Taylor horne maker all the returned powder hornes that came from the Bay the last shiping that are fitt to be repaired wth. home this Committee have Agreed wth. him for 10*s*. p. Grosse.

Adjourned untill Wednesday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

March 28, 1683

Att a Subcomittee 28 *March* 1683
Present

Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten

Edward Evens Chyrurgeon is entertained in the Compa. service at £3 p. month for 4 yeares his wages to commence from the time of his Arrivall at Hudson Bay.

Ordered that the Compa. goods shall this Expedition be Shipped of att the Custome house key Mr. Rich. Lakeward wharfinger there.

Jno. Johnson labourer is entertained in the Compa. service for 4 yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second yeare at £8 the third yeare at £10 and the fourth yeare at £12 his wages to comence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Whereas by Charter party Mr. Weymans parte Owner of the *George* ketch is bound to Admitt of an able mate such as the Compa. shall appointe Mr. Weymans presenting George Hunter to the Committee whome they accept of.

Calvin Oliphant of Brunt Island[1] Seaman is entertained in the Compa. Service for Porte Nellson for 4 yeares at £12 by yeare his Wages to commence at his Arrivall at Porte Nellson.

James Harrison of Brunt Island Seaman is entertained in the Compa. Service for Porte Nellson for foure yeares att £12 p. yeare his wages tc commence att his Arrivall att Porte Nellson.

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[1] I.e., Burntisland, Fifeshire.

David Reidie of Brunt Island Seaman is Entertained in the Compa. Service for Porte Nellson for four yeares att £12 p. yeare his Wages to commence att his Arrivall at Porte Nellson.

Whereas Mr. Letten was Desired to buy bricks and tiles for the next Expedition this Committee being informed that there is noe occation for any in the Bay [1] Ordered that Mr. Letten be Desired to forbeare the buying of them.

Likewise Mr. Weymans was Desired to buy oaken planks wch. this Committee is likewise informed that there is noe need of them Ordered that Mr. Weymans be Desired to forbeare the buying of them.

Adjourned till next Friday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Subcommittee 30 *March* 1683
Present

March 30, 1683

Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans

Tho. Garland was permitted the 13 instante to present a boy to the Committee for their Approbation who is to be Allowed 12*s*. p. month in Order thereto Thomas Garland presented to them one Henry Richard as his boye to goe wth. him to Hudsons Bay whome this Comittee approves of.

Mr. Letten is Desired to buy Glass windows for Porte Nellson wch. are to be as
6 windows of 18 inches square
12 Ditto of 12 inches square.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 246–7.

Mr. Letten haveing formerly Orders to buy an Iron stove Now it is Ordered that noe Stove shall be sent this Expedition.

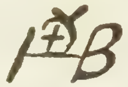
Adjourned till next Wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

April 4,
1683

Att a Subcommittee 4 *Aprill* 1683
Present

Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

The Compa. marke for this Expedition is concluded on to be thus



Ordered that the Stockmaker that retaines the Compa. Guns Delivered him by Mathew Hardman an Action be entred against him if he will not Deliver them.

George Forrest is entertained in the Compa. Service as Seaman for Porte Nellson att £10 p. Ann. for 4 yeares his wages to commence at his Arrivall att Porte Nellson.

Jno. Frost Seaman entertained in the Compa. Service for the bottome of the Bay for 4 yeares the first yeare at £5 the Second yeare at £6 the Third yeare att £7 and the fourth yeare at £10 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Jno. Howlett Seaman entertained in the Compa. Service for the bottome of the Bay for 4 yeares the first yeare at £5 the Second yeare att £6 the third yeare at £7 and the fourth yeare at £10 his wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Henry Alderdise of Newcastle Seaman entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares att £12 p. yeare his Wages to comence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Adjourned till next Fryday at 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Subcommittee 6 *Aprill* 1683[1]
Present

April 6, 1683

Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Henry Rogers for 10 do. of Travelling spectacles at 6*s*. p. do. £3.

To Hugh Vernor for Advance Mony to these persons Following

James Muddy 2 m. Advance	£2. 10. –	£5. 10. –
Jno. Driver 2 m. Advance	£1. – –	
Jno. Fullerton 2 m. Advance	£1. – –	
James Sinclare 2 m. Advance	£1. – –	

Agreed wth. Mr. Jno. Freeman for 40 halfe barrells powder at 53*s*. p. barrell[2] he to be att the charge of Shipping of them on board.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] Good Friday.

[2] According to A.1/6, fo. 20d., the following has been omitted from this resolution : " and 2 barrels cannon powder at 52/– p. barrel ".

April 11, 1683

Att a Subcommittee 11 *Aprill* 1684 [sic]
Present

Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten

The Secretary acquaints this Committee it is the request of Mr. Jno. Cudworth that the book of Assignements be brought to him for he has sold all his Stock in the Genll. Stock and Desirs to transfer the Same Ordered the Secretary Attend him wth. the book of Assignements and the Secretary and Warehouse keeper Wittness the transfer.[1]

Mr. Evens the Compa. Chyrurgeon now to goe for the Bay exhibited to this Committee a bill of Medicines Ordered the Secretary goe with him to Mr. Watts the Compa. Apothecary to bespeake those things mentioned in his bill and provide them wth. all Expedition.

Wm. Carey Labourer entertained in the Compa. Service for the Bay for 4 yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second yeare at £8 the third yeare at £10 & the fourth yeare at £12 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Capt. Walker acquaints this Committee that According to the words of the Charter party he is to present an able Mate to the Compa. in Order thereto he presents Francis Letherman whome this Committee Approves of.

Jno. Shaw humbly moved for 2 m. Advance on his Wages for wch. Mr. Wm. Walker is Security to the Compa.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Jno. Shaw 2 m. Advance £2. 13. 04.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 336.

Hugh Mitchell Taylor is entertained in the Compa. Service for the bottome of the Bay for 3 yeares at £6 for the first yeare £9 for the Second yeare and £12 for the third yeare his Wages to begin att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Adjourned untill next Friday to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Subcommittee 13 *April* 1683

April 13, 1683

Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

Mr. Evens Desireing 2 m. Advance for wch. the Secretary will see him forth comeing.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Edward Evens 2 m. Advance £6.

Mr. Stacey moved on the behalfe of the Widow Hardman for £12 on her Worke who promises & ingageth to save the Compa. harmeless in the Doeing thereof.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Mr. Joseph Stacey upon this Acco. £12.

Magnus Browne Seaman is entertained in the Compa. Service for the bottome of the Bay for 4 yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second yeare att £8 the Third yeare at £10 and the fourth yeare att £12 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Edward Colles Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for wch. Ralph Swaine of Wapping is Security

Ordered Stephen Evens & Compa pay unto

Phillip Schovell 2 m. Advance	£4. 10.
Edward Colles 2 m. Advance	£3. –

Phillip Scovell Desired 2 m. Advance for wch. Thomas Estough of Wapping is Security.

Jno. Johnson Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for wch. James Boynton in Shew Lane[1] is Security

Ordered Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Jno. Johnson 2 m. Advance & more upon Acco. £2.

Rebecca Kildale petitioned That her husband Thomas Killdale may be called home & returne the next Shiping wch. petition is graunted her.

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon on Munday next.

April 16, 1683

Att a Committee 16 *Aprill* 83
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Walker be Desired to be at the Custome House to Morrow Morneing att 10 of the Clock to indeavor the shipping of the Compa. provissions from the places where they are.

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[1] Strype, *Stow's Survey Of London*, III, 282, "Faringdon Ward without" "The next Lane in *Fleet street* is *Shoe Lane*, very long, runneth North from *Fleet street*, over against *Salisbury Court*, into *Holbourn*, by St. *Andrew's* Church; a Lane of no great Note either for Buildings or Inhabitants. In it are a great many Alleys and Courts, though of little Account."

Fran. Cave Merct. entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second at £8 the Third at £10 and the fourth at £12 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Fran. Merrick Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for wch. Mr. Walker is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Fran. Merrick 2 m. Advance £2. 10.

Thos. Walsh & John Mechim each Desireing 2 m. Advance for whome Francis Mosely is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto
Tho. Walsh 2 m. Advance £2. 13. 4
To Jno. Meichim 2 m. Advance £2. 03. 4

Joseph Pollard Desireing 2 m. Advance for wch. Francis Barnewell in Redriff Chyrurgeon is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Joseph Pollard 2 m. Advance £2. 10.

Adjourned till next Friday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

April 20, 1683

Att a Committee[1] 20 *Aprill* 83
Present

Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens pay these persons and Summs Following

To Edward Jefferies for 20 Gross of Tobacco Pipes and 4 boxes	£1. 12. 4
To Danll. Kingstone in full for kettles	£40. 10. –

Ordered that Capt. Walker and Jno. Abraham take on board all the Compa. Serveants Chests and boxes that they shall carrey wth. them for their Necessary uses of wch. Capt. Walker and Jno. Abraham is to have Notice thereof from the Secretary as often as they shall have Occation to send their things on board.

Adjourned till tomorrow att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

April 21, 1683

Att a Subcommittee 21 *Aprill* 1683
Present

Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

Whereas Mr. Letten was formerly Desired to buy a Meridian Compass and houre glasses Now it is Ordered Mr. Walker to buy them.

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[1] A.1/6, fo. 22d., correctly calls this a meeting of the Subcommittee.

The Committee haveing now compared their Severall Notes for their Severall buyings In who reporte all things are bought and shall be Shipt on tuesday next.

Adjourned till next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 23 *Aprill* 1683
Present

April 23, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans	

Jno. Chillinworth of Deptford blacksmith and his Serveant Jno. Cole are entertained in the Compa. Service. Jno. Chillinworth at £25 p. Annum for 4 yeares and his Serveant John Cole who has yet to serve his Master 5 yeares wch. remainder of his time he is willing and has Agreed he shall serve the Compa. at £8 by yeare their Wages to commence at their Arrivall in the Bay.

Thos. Stead Gardner of Greate Hambden[1] in the County of Bucks is entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares at £10 by yeare his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Anthoney Dowridg Taylor is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares att £15 by yeare his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Jno. Cahey of Dublin Shoomaker is entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare att £6 the Second at £8 the third att £10 and the fourth yeare at £12 his wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

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[1] I.e., Great Hampden.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons & Summs Following.

To Wm. Hawkins in full for beefe & porke	£76.	19.	–
To John Abraham upon Acco.	£15.	–	–
To Tho. Garland upon Advance	£15.	–	–
To Jno. Egreman for Jno. [Thomas] Mettam in the Bay	£4.	–	–
To Jno. Egreman 2 m. Advance	£6.	10.	–
To Hugh Mitchel by way of Advance	£3.	–	–

Thomas Ballanden Seaman is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the two first yeare at £8 the third yeare att £10 and the fourth att £12.

Ralph Rawlins Seaman is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares att £3 p. month his Wages to comence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Hugh Verner 2 m. Advance £6. 13. 4. more for a Gratuity	£8.	3.	4

Robt. Sealing Seaman entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare att £6 the Second yeare att £8 the third yeare att £10 and the fourth yeare att £12 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered that Mr. Watts the Apothecary provide Medicines for Hudsons Bay to the vallue of £8 and noe higher & Mr. Evens the Surgeon that is now to goe over for the Bay is to consult wth. him what is propper for to be sent for the Bay.

Governr. Sergeants Commission & Instructions[1] were now read and approved of.

Stephen Sinclare and Jno. Howlett desireing to have some Advance mony for wch. Nicholas Fassett Surgeon of St. Paules Shadwell[2] is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto

Stephen St. Clare p. way of Advance	£2. 5. –
To Jno. Howlett the like	£1. 15. –

Adjourned till Wednesday next att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 25 *Aprill* 83 April 25, 1683

Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker

James Muddy Desireing to carry wth. him to Hudsons Bay some Coopers tooles to performe his Worke as Cooper Ordered that Mr. Walker be Desired to buy them According to his Note now exhibited.

Mr. Walker is also Desired to buy for Chychewan 2 bushells of buck wheate and send it on board the *Dilligence*.

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[1] A.6/1, fos. 27d.–31, April 27, 1683, "Instructions for Henry Sergeant Esqr.", and ibid., fo. 31d., April 27, 1683, Henry Sergeant's Commission. Sergeant was instructed, amongst other things, to make his "chiefe residence" at "Chychewan river that being the place of the greatest Trade and resort of the Indians", and from henceforth it was to be known as Albany River in honour "of his Royall Highness our present Governour". Sergeant was warned to regard the French of Canada "as a standing Enemy" from whom he was "never to expect any Friendship or faire Dealeing".

[2] On the Middlesex bank of the Thames, two miles east south east of St. Paul's.

The 3 Small Caskes of powder in the House are Ordered to be packt up in a box and sent on board the *Dilligence* for Chychewan.

Sam. Oakes Gunsmith is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares att £24 by yeare his Wages to commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Anto. Dowridg and James Walker Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for whome Mr. Wm. Walker is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto

James Walker 2 m. Advance	£2. 16. –
To Anto. Dowridg 2 m. Advance	£2. 10. –
To Wm. Taylor for repaireing 4 Gross 3 do. & 7 hornes att 10*s*. p. Gross	£2. 2. 6

James Harrison, Calvin Oliphant, Magnus Browne Jno. Couter and George Forrest Desireing 2 m. Advance for whome Hugh Verner is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Hugh Verner as

For James Harrison 2 m. Advance	£2. – –	
For Calvin Oliphant 2 m. Advance	£2. – –	
For Magnus Browne 2 m. Advance	£1. – –	
For Jno. Couter 2 m. Advance	£1. – –	
For George Forrest 2 m. Advance	£1. 13. 4	
		£7. 13. 4

Edward Evens Chyrurgeon and Ralph Rawlings took their Oathes of Fidelity to the Compa. but in and presently after Ralph Rawlings taken his Oath putting to the Committee many undecent Objections to what he Swore Ordered that the said Rawlings shall be immeadiately Dismist the Compa. Service, and because he has bin at some Charges in comeing up to London from Plimouth Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Ralph Rawling as a Gratuity £2.

Thomas Garland is entertained in the Compa. Service as Commander of the *Colleton* Yaught of wch. the Secretary is to give Notice thereof to the Governr. now goeing over.

Bennit White of Castor in Cornewall Minor is entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare att £6 the Second yeare att £8 the third yeare att £10 and the fourth yeare att £12 his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Jno. Stephens of Redriff Blacksmith is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 yeares att £15 p. yeare his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay[1] to Robt. Sealing 2 m. Advance £1.

Tho. Stead and Jno. Cahey Desireing Advance Money for whome Henry Sergeant Esqr. is Security

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa pay unto

Tho. Stead by way of Advance	£2. – –	
To Jno. Cahey the like	£2. – –	£4. – –

Adjourned till tomorrow att 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 26 *Aprill* 83
Present

April 26, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr. Mr. Walker

The Commission & Instructions for Governr. Sergeant a letter to Jno. Bridgar Esqr. and Capt. Walkers Instructions[1] were now openly read and approved Ordered Sr. James Hayes the Depty. Governr. be appointed to Attend his Royal Highness the Duke of Yorke for his Allowance of them and Humbly to Desire him to Signe them.

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[1] A.1/6, fo. 24d., has the following inserted at this point: "unto John Stephens 2 m. advance £2. 10.", and notes in the margin: "this wartt. was orne in pcs. looke Committee 30 April".

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto the Master & Wardens of the Scriveners Compa. a Quarters Rent of Scriveners Hall Due the 25 of March last	£15. – –
To Mr. Wm. Norbury Atto. of Bryan Norbury in full for 12 m. wages	£11. – –

Jno. Chillinworth Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for himselfe and Serveant whose Security is Jno. Weekmore of Deptford Smith

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Jno. Chillinworth 2 m. Advance	£5. 10. –

Henry Sergeant Esqr. haveing been Demaunded how long he will serve the Compa. who now gives in his Answer he will serve them 3 yeares.

Capt. Walkers case being now taken into consideration It is Agreed and consented unto that Capt. Walker shall be given as a Gratuety for his good Service to the Compa. £80. – –

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Capt. Walker as a gratuety	£80. – –

Tho. Ballenden Desireing to have 2 m. Advance for whome Hugh Verner is Security

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[1] See p. 101, n. 1. A.6/1, fo. 31d., April 27, 1683, Henry Sergeant's commission; ibid., fos. 34–35, Deputy Governor and Committee to John Bridgar, April 27, 1683; ibid., fo. 33d., April 27, 1683, Captain Nehemiah Walker's instructions.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Hugh Verner 2 m. Advance for Tho. Ballenden	£1. 6. 8
To Samll. Oake 2 m. Advance	£4. – –

Ordered the Secretary buy 2 Caskes of Canary one for Governr. Sergeant and one for Governr. Bridgar each to qts. 20 Gallons.

Adjourned untill tomorrow att 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 27 *Aprill* 83
Present

April 27, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

Capt. Nehemiah Walker now exhibited an Acco. of Charges for carrying over 2 goates[1] to Hudson Bay 1681 and for looking out after a Ship amo. unto £9. 4. twenty shillings whereof was paid him by Mr. Jno. Letten soe remaines Due to him £8. 4.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Capt. Nehemiah Walker for Disbursements paid by him in the yeare 1681 £8. 04.

The Committee considering the greate exspence and charges Henry Sergeant Esqr. is att in Setting of himselfe out as Governr. now for the Bay

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 12d., Sir James Hayes to John Nixon, June, 1681, "Wee have sent 1 he Goate & 2 she Goates & 1 Sow with Pigg wch. we have don in hopes they will increase in the Country & be of use & comfort to our people wch. is a thing that deserves yor. utmost care as well for the Good of the Factory as for the ease of the Compa. in the buisnesse of Provissions." *H.B.S.*, VIII, 297, 1682, Nixon to the Governor and Committee, "... I must advertise yow that yor. Honours goa[ts] are dead, and that it is lost labour to trouble yr. selves to send either the[m] or hogs for they destroy more provisions then they are worth ..."

Ordered a Gratuety of £20 be given for and towards his charges in Setting of himselfe out.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Henry Sergeant Esqr. as a Gratuety £20.

Adjourned untill Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

April 30, 1683

Att a Committee 30 *Aprill* 83
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans

Mr. Jno. French [1] M. A. Minister is entertained in the Compa. Service as the Minister of the Bay att £20 by yeare for 3 yeares his Wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay.

The Committee considering Francis Lethermans former good service and hopes of his future good Service are resolved to give him 40*s*. as a Gratuety.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Fran. Letherman as a Gratuety £2.

Mr. Hugh Verner reporting to this Committee he paid for the releasing Jno. Driver out of Prisson 50*s*. Ordered Mr. Hugh Verner be reimburst that Summ and placed to the sd. Jno. Drivers Acco.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Hugh Verner for Jno. Driver £2.-10.

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[1] See Appendix C, pp. 319–20.

Sr. Jam. Hayes acquaints the Committee he had Audience the last Satterday att Windsor of his Royall Highness and exhibited to him the Comission and Instructions to Henry Sergeante Esqr. a letter to Jno. Bridgar and Instructions to Capt. Walker humbly Desireing his Royall Highness to Signe them According to the request of the Committee 26 instant His Royall Highness acquainted Sr. James Hayes that he did never never signe any Orders or papers of any Compa.[1] he was Governr. of Wishing him to use their former methods Ordered by the Committee that the Commissions & Instructions to Henry Sergeant Esqr. a letter to Jno. Bridgar and Instructions to Capt. Nehemiah Walker be Signed by the Secretary in these Words

> By the Command of his Royall Highness the Duke of Yorke Governr. and the Committee of the Said Compa.
>
> Onesiphorus Albin Secretary.

The Commission and Instructions of Henry Sergeant Esqr. was soe publickly Subscribed and Delivered in open Committee by Sr. James Hayes to Henry Sergeant Esqr.

Jno. Stephens haveing Deserted the Compa. Service his Warrant for £2. 10. graunted him 25 Aprill present was now torne in peeces before the Committee.

Adjourned till tomorrow att 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] The Duke of York held, amongst other offices, the Governorship of the Royal African Company and the Governorship of the Royal Fishery Corporation.

May 1, 1683

Att a Committee the 1 *May* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

Ordered that Mr. Walker be Desired to goe downe to Graves End Attended wth. the Secretary to Dispatch the Ships now at Graves End and the charges be Defrayed by the Compa.

Mr. Sergeant moved for £5 for Mr. Jno. French the Minister for whome he is Security.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Hen. Sergeant Esqr. for Mr. Jno. French the Minister £5.

Governr. Sergeant and the Captaines now bound for Hudson Bay Desireing to be Assured that noe prejudice may accrew to them for putting their Commissions and Instructions in Execution It is Ordered & resolved by this Committee that the Compa. of Adventurers of England tradeing to Hudsons Bay are Oblidged to indemnify and save harmeless the Said Governr. and Capts. from any prejudice that may accrew to them by reason of their putting their Comissions and Instructions in Execution as aforesaid.

Adjourned till the 9th May present at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 9 *May* 1683
Present

May 9, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker[1]

James St. Clare haveing Deserted the Compa. Service unto whome was pd. £1 Advance for wch. Hugh Verner was Security Ordered that this £1 be placed upon Hugh Verners Acco.

Sr. James Hayes acquaints this Committee its necessary to petition the King and councell that noe beavor be imported into this Kingdome but what comes immeadiately from the places where it growes according to the Act of Navigation.[2] Ordered that Sr. Jam. Hayes be Desired in the name of the Compa. to petition the King and Councell that noe beavor be imported contrary to the Act of Navigation and praying a charge may be given to the Commissioners of the Customes to be very Dilligent in this Affaire.

Mrs. Bayly attending this Committee for the money Due to her Ordered the Secretary inspect into this Acco. and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

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[1] According to A.1/6, fo. 27d., Gerrard Weymans was also present at this meeting.

[2] Miss Nute in *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 199–200, states that this move was one of the Company's schemes to thwart Benjamin Gillam, and so make it difficult for him to dispose of any gains he might make from his interloping expedition. It might have been so, but it is also possible that the Company was more concerned with a glutted market, aggravated by illegal imports from France, Holland, or even New England. The sales of November 15, 1682 (see p. 46), and March 14, 1683 (see p. 78, n. 1), at which the Company had guaranteed to maintain existing prices (see pp. 43–78), left large quantities of coat beaver in the Company's warehouse and it is clear from p. 139 that such aggravation had occurred. See Introduction, p. xxxvii

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Fran. Moseley for farther Advance Money for Edw. Colles and Phillip Scovell as

For Edw. Colles	£1. 10. –	£3. 15. –
For Phill. Scovell	£2. 05. –	

Ordered Mr. George Baron pay these persons and Summs Following

To Onesiphorus Albin ½ yeares Sallery Due this Day	£40. – –
To Joseph Albin ¼ yeares Sallery Due the 3 instant	£6. 05. –

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

May 16, 1683

Att a Committee 16 *May* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker

Mrs. Bayley appearing againe before the Committee to Demaund her Dues

By the Acco. stated the 2 Decembr. last the Ballance of her Account amount unto		£298. 14. 6
To wch. is to be Added	£4. 11. –	
included in a Summ of	£25. 09. –	£4. 11. –
wch. was for Wine sent her husband		
		£303. 05. 06
There is to be Deducted for Francis Moseley 2 bills now exhibited		£9. 5. –
Soe the Ballance Due to her is		£293. 10. 06

wch. this Committee Demaunded of her whither she wold receive this Money she replied Noe but wold petition the Generall Court for a greater Summe according to her husbands meritts wch. the Committee Did reffer her to.

Ordered Mr. Geo. Baron pay these persons and Summs Following.

To Jno. Platter for butter and Cheese	£34.	10.	–
To Jno. Rason for 5 Duffalls	£20.	07.	–
To Jno. Balam for Cordage	£8.	14.	–
To Rich. Scott for 10 N.L.[1] wth. Clothes	£55.	–	–
To Jno. Wood for 10 Westerne Clothes[2]	£82.	10.	–
To Ben. Stoward for Ankors	£10.	–	–
To Fran. Fox for 2 warps & a quoile	£8.	08.	–
To George Carr for a pumpe etc.	£2.	16.	–

Ordered Mr. Jno. Letten pay these persons & Summs Following

To Robt. Curtis for flower, Oatemeale and pease in parte	£200.	–	–
To Jno. Raymond for beer Recd. p. Capt. Gillam for himselfe and the *Ruperts* crew the last yeare	£22.	12.	–
To Tho. Fryar for Salt pitch & Tarr	£21.	10.	–
To Samll. Austin for twine and Lines	£24.	–	–
To Morgan Lodg for provissions for Mr. Sergeant in the Downes	£8.	14.	–

The Secretary humbly moved for leave to goe into the Country for 10 Daies wch. is graunted after next Wednesday.

Ordered the white Blanketts sent into this House by Mr. Jno. Letten be immeadiately sent back to his House by reason of their Sapiness and the Compa. haveing noe Occation for them this yeare the Ships being gone.

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[1] I.e., not laced.

[2] West of England cloth. A.15/2, fo. 64d., May 16, 1683, "John Wood Dr. to Geo. Baron proper Accte. £82. 10. – assigned him to receive of him for 10 Glocestershire Reds."

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

May 23, 1683

Att a Committee 23 *May* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans	

Colonell Bampfeild [1] appeareing before the Committee to transferr unto Mr. Thomas Gray [2] the £600 of the Lady Drax Stock in the Compa. bookes as Executor to the Lady Drax The Committee being somewhat Dissattisfied about this transfer For that Stock of the Lady Drax was left by her last Will and Testament for charitable uses, Ordered that the Transferr shall be made if Colonell Bampfeild brings it under Councellor Pollexfens [3] hand that he has a power to transferr the same Then the Secretary has power from this Committee to see it transferred according to the usuall Method.

The Secretary acquaints the Committee that he has made up the Accots. between the Compa. & Evens and there is yet

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[1] Colonel Warwick Bampfeild, brother of Lady Margaret Drax, the first woman stockholder of the Hudson's Bay Company. See *H.B.S.*, V, 224–5.

[2] Thomas Gray of London, merchant, held varying amounts of stock from May 23, 1683, when he acquired the £600 worth referred to above, until August 14, 1690, when he disposed of his remaining holding.

[3] Henry Pollexfen, called to the bar at the Inner Temple in 1658. He was knighted in 1689.

Standing out on the Acco. of Insurance made upon Greenway[1] these Summs Following

Sr. James Hayes	£30
Rich. Russell	£30
Peter Proby	£15

Ordered that Mr. Weymans be Desired to take the Pollicey and Enquire farther into the abovesaid Summs of the abovesaid persons.[2]

Ordered Mr. Weymans pay these persons and Summs Following

To Jno. Waters for Lighteridg	£6.	11.	–
To Ralph Stables for shooes	£19.	16.	–
To Jno. Rose for 40 Gallons of Wine	£14.	14.	–
To Edward Peud for cooperidg	£1.	01.	06
To Eliz. Jacob for Cullers and flaggs [3]	£3.	07.	–
To Wm. Haukings for fresh provissions parte for the Compa. and parte for Governr. Sergeant	£19.	–	–

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[1] On the *Prudent Mary*, lost in 1680. See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 135, n. 3.

[2] A.15/2, fo. 66, June 13, 1683, "The Accte. Assurance Dr. to Stephen Evens and Company £225. 5. –. For so much Dr. them the 28th April 1682 By Accte. Assurance £1695 : and there is yet standing out in the Pollecey these summes Following

Martin Cowell	bad Debt	£60
John Nanfan	bad Debt	£30
Domingo Dela Cerda	bad Debt	£30
Daniel Andrews	bad Debt	£30
Richard Russell	good	£30
Peter Proby	good	£15
Sir James Hayes	good	£30
Peter Joy	abated by him for a paire of gloves	£– 5
		£225 05"

Ibid., June 20, 1683, Peter Proby settled his debt. See also pp. 131, 137.

[3] See p. 87, n. 1.

To Jno. Login for Iron hoopes	£18. 14. –
To Charles Bridgar for Sayles	£47. 10. –
To Ger. Griffeth & Rich. Clay for Worke done att the Hall	£2. 12. 06

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Robt. Paske for Paper, bookes, pens & Inck	£4. 14. –
To Edw. Harris for Blanketts	£51. 17. –
To Edw. Bugby for Cooperidg	£11. 14. –
To Jno. Bridgar for Ditto	£12. 03. –
To Fran. Moseley for 2 bills Exchange charged upon the Compa. by Governr. Bayley the 14 & 15 Septembr. 78, wch. is to be placed to the Widow Bayleys Acco. Amo. to	£9. 15. –

Adjourned till this Day 3 Weeks.

June 13, 1683

Att a Committee 13 *June* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Gerr. Weymans pay these persons and Summs Following.

To Tho. Frampton for Tobacco the Compa. bought of him in the yeare 1678 as by the bill on the File	£3. 04. –
To Jno. Raymond for combes	£9. 15. –
To Jno. Gore for Slopsellers Wares	£38. – –

Ordered Mr. Weymans, Mr. Letten, Mr. Baron and Mr. Walker that have Recd. the Companys money be Desired to give in their Accts. the next Committee.

Ordered the Secretary Receive of Edw. West £1. 7. 10 the remaineing Summe Due from Legendre as allso of Mr. Jno. Letten £15 Due from Mr. Pr. Proby on Acco. of Insurance.

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 20 *June* 1683
Present

June 20, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans	

Ordered the Secretary Search into the bookes and see who made the Insurance on the *Shasbury* pinck and what is Standing out upon that Acco. and give reporte thereof the next Committee Day.[1]

Ordered Mr. Wm. Walker pay these persons and Summs Following.

To Jno. Godman for Threds & Tapes	£8. 09. –
To Jno. Potts for oyle	£5. 11. –
To Wm. Woodroffe for Glass[2]	£0. 17. 09

Adjourned untill this Day Sevennight att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 65, n. 1. The Secretary did not report on this matter until September 26, 1683, see p. 136.

[2] According to A.15/2, fo. 61d. this was window glass for the factory at Port Nelson. See p. 91.

June 27, 1683

Att a Committee 27 *June* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker

Sr. Jam. Hayes is Desired to prepare a Letter of Atturney[1] to impower some person att Boston in New England to Seize on Young Gillam[2] Commander of the *Batchelors Delight* whome the Committee is informed went last yeare as an Interloper for Hudsons Bay and Capt. Zachariah Gillam[3] and Capt. Ezbon Sandford[3] if they Arrive there as allso to procure a letter from the Committee of Plantations[4] to the Governr. in New England to be Assisting to such person as the Compa. shall imploy as their Atturney.

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[1] See pp. 126–32.

[2] Benjamin, son of Zachariah Gillam. For an account of his and Pierre Esprit Radisson's interloping expeditions to Port Nelson in 1682 see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 186–97.

[3] In 1682 Gillam went to Hudson Bay as commander of the *Prince Rupert* and Sandford as commander of the *Albemarle*. They were thought to be in league with young Gillam.

[4] The body which dealt with Colonial and trade affairs in 1683 is more usually known as the " Lords of Trade ". A Committee of the Privy Council for Plantation affairs had been set up at the Restoration in 1660, to be quickly followed by two committees, one for trade and the other for plantations. These were succeeded by the " Council for Foreign Plantations " in 1670 and then by the " Select Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations " in 1672; the duties were transferred in February, 1675, to the committee of the Privy Council known as the " Lords of Trade ". They proved a vigorous and effective committee, which carried considerable influence; they had a paid secretary and staff and preserved their archives. The " Lords of Trade " retained control until 1696; they had then lost their enthusiasm and were replaced by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations (the Board of Trade). The " Lords of Trade " must therefore be the body here mentioned as the " Committee of Plantations ". The letter to be obtained by the Company is later referred to as the " King's letter ". See p. 129.

Ordered that Mr. Byfeild be Desired to come to the Warehouse to veiw the Beavor and Advice what is best to be done to present the Morth [1] comeing into it.

The Compa. haveing now Occation to Borrow £400 to pay of Severall Tradesmen upon wch. Sr. Chris. Wren does promise to lend them £200 and Mr. Jno. Letten the other £200 for 6 m. att 6 p. Cent under the Compa. Seale and Subscribed by the Secretary

Ordered the bonds be made ready both Dated this Day and the Severall Warrants agst. the next Committee Day.

Ordered Sr. Chris. Wren and Mr. Jno. Letten be Desired to pay unto the Secretary for the Compa. use the £400 they promised to lend the Compa.

Ordered Mr. Wm. Walker pay unto Edward Windsop for mending Guns £5. 16. –.

Adjourned untill next Fryday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 29 *June* 1683
Present

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Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris Wren
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans

The Bonds that was Ordered to be prepared this Committee the one for Sr. Chris. Wren for £206 pbl. 27 Decembr. next the other for Mr. Jno. Letten for £206 pbl. 27 Decembr. next for mony borrowed of them were both read and approved of and Sealed under the Compa. Seale and Signed by the Secretary in these Words

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[1] The coat beaver left from the sales of November 15, 1682 (see p. 46), and March 14, 1683 (see p. 78, n. 1). Shaking and beating was the method usually employed. See p. 138.

By Command of the Depty. Governr. and Committee for the Hudsons Bay Compa.
Onesiphorus Albin Secretary.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay these persons and Summs Following

To Jno. Edwards for Cooperidg	£1.	11.	–
To Charles Watts for Medicines	£8.	–	–
To Wm. Joyce for mending the *Prince Rupert* Sayles the last yeare	£1.	18.	–
To Rich. Walles for Drawing the Compa. Armes att large	£4.	–	–
To Mathew Snabling for Candells	£9.	04.	–
To Wm. Batch for bread and Mault	£59.	14.	–
To Joseph Stacey for repaireing Guns	£26.	08.	–
To Eliz. Hardman the like	£15.	13.	–
To Robt. Carnall the like for Iron Worke	£37.	14.	–
To Nico. Kempston for Iron Worke	£9.	08.	–
To Jno. Lyons for Shott	£7.	07.	–
To Robt. Curtis for flower etc.	£69.	–	–
To Samll. Banner for Hatchetts & knives	£39.	12.	–
To the Master and Wardens of Scriveners Compa. for ¼ Rent Due 24 June Inst.	£15.	–	–
To Mary Gillman for Wetting and Setting of Cloth [1]	£5.	10.	–
To Jno. Freeman for powder	£56.	12.	–

Adjourned untill next Wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] Woollen cloth had to be scoured to remove the size and other impurities, after weaving. It was then pressed.

Att a Committee 4 *July* 1683
Present

July 4, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker

The Secretary makes reporte that he has pd. out £330 of the £400 borrowed the last Committee Day of Sr. Chris. Wren and Mr. Jno. Letten wch. this Committee approves of.

The Secretary likewise acquaints the Committee in persuant to their Order 27 June last he has Desired Mr. Byfeild to looke over the Beavor now in the Warehouse to prevent the Mothes wch. he promised tomorrow to look after.

Sr. Jam. Hayes reportes that he has bin wth. the Depties. from New England[1] in Order to prevent any Interlopeing from New England for wch. greate care and paines in this Affaire he has the thanks of this Committee.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Mr. Jno. Letten 10*s.* as a Gratuety from the Compa. to Mr. Haywards two men each 5*s.*

Adjourned untill next Fryday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] Joseph Dudley and John Richards. See p. 130. Relations between Massachusetts and the Crown were strained. Dudley and Richards had been sent to avert the threatened *quo warranto* proceedings and the loss of the Colony's charter.

July 6, 1683

Att a Committee 6 *July* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Weymans

Ordered Mr. John Letten be Desired to call for the Compa. pattent and other papers and writeings belonging to the Compa. now in the Custody of Sr. Robt. Clayton unto that End this Committee have under their hands Ordered Sr. Robt. Clayton to Deliver the Same wch. when Recd. by Mr. Letten he is to Deliver the Same unto the Secretary whose Receipt shall be Mr. Lettens discharge.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Edward Linbee for 5 Nests of Trunkes [1] £5. 6. –.

Ordered that all writeings that relate to the Compa. Affaires Now in the hands of Mr. Nico. Hayward be Delivered unto the Secretary.[2]

Ordered the Secretary buy an Iron Chest [3] not exceeding £6 in wch. the Compa. Pattent and Seales are to be kept.

Ordered that two padlocks and Keys be bought for the Iron

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[1] According to A.15/2, fo. 60d., there was 1 nest of " Leather truncks & a box" for each of the factories at Hayes Island [Moose River], Rupert River, and Port Nelson, and " 2 nests of Leather truncks and a boxe " for Chichewan [Albany].

[2] Nicholas Hayward was no longer an adventurer. See p. 50, n. 1. A.40/1, fo. 23, and A.43/1, fo. 36, show that he became a stockholder again on November 1, 1683, when he bought £200 worth from Thomas Gray. This corrects the impression given on p. 338 of *H.B.S.*, VIII, that Hayward's connection with the Company from 1677 to 1691 was continuous.

[3] See p. 123 and cf. *H.B.S.*, VIII, 59, 66, 106.

Chest of wch. one Key shall be lodged wth. the Depty. Governr. and the other wth. the Secretary.

Adjourned untill next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 11 *July* 1683
Present

July 11, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	

The Secretary reporting to this Committee he has Recd. from Mr. Hayward these writeings Following

A Mortgage Deed Dated 18 February 1681 for £5427. 4. – whereof £2120 is Mr. Tindalls a Receipt Dated 7 February 1680 for £5120 Subscribed by Jno. Stone.[1]

A Declaration of Trust from Jno. Morris Esqr. and Mr. Web Dated 17 February 1680 a Memorandum Subscribed p. John Morris Esqr. Dated 22 March 1680 in wch. he Acknowlidgeth he has in his Custody the Letters Pattents graunted to the Hudsons Bay Compa.[2]

A Bond Subscribed by Edward West[3] and Jno. Reynolds Dated 18 Octobr. 1682 for Edw. West fidelity to the Compa.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 111*n*, 112, 163*n*. The Mortgage Deed has not been traced in the Company's archives.

[2] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 111, 112. The documents mentioned above have not been traced in the Company's archives.

[3] See p. 31. The bond has not been traced in the Company's archives.

wch. Morgage Deed, Receipt and Declaration were now cancelled before this Committee.

Ordered the Secretary give Mr. Evens & Compa. Cr. for these Summs Following for wch. as yet they never had Order to pay

On 24 Octobr. 1681 £7. 16. – for charges in a Supper laid out on the Insurers.[1]

On the 31 Octobr. 1681 pd. by them to Wm. Young Esqr. £12. 17. – for Secrett Service.[2]

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Charles Harbin for clensing 414 Sword blades at 2*d.* £3. 09. –.

Mr. Jno. Letten informes this Committee that he has Recd. of Sr. Rbt. Clayton according to the Desire of the last Committee the Compa. pattent inclosed in a black box [3] wch. Mr. Letten Delivered att this board, the Key of wch. was Delivered unto Sr. Jam. Hayes Dept. Governr. and the black box to the Secretary.

Ordered Mr. Letten, Mr. Weymans and Mr. Walker be Desired to looke after a reporte brought Downe from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the Commissioners of the Customes aboute hindring the Importe of Beavor from all places except from the place of the growth.[4]

Ordered that the Committee be Adjourned untill the 11 Septembr. next But if any Business in the Interim happen of wch. Notice is to be given to the Secretary by any Member of the Committee then the Secretary has Order to Sommon a Committee.

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[1] The insurers of the *Prudent Mary*. See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 133.

[2] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 140.

[3] The Charter is now kept flat in a glass-fronted frame. There is a black box in the Company's archives which is probably the one mentioned above. In the course of time it has acquired a new lock and new hinges.

[4] See pp. 109, 139.

Adjourned untill 11 Septembr. next upon proviso.

Att a Committee 25 July 1683
Present

July 25, 1683

Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Gerr. Weymans

The Secretary acquaints this Committee he has bought an Iron Chest Ordered these things following be put into the Same.

The Compa. pattent enclosed in a black box lockt up the Key of wch. is in the Same 3 Seales[1] of the Compa. two in Steele and one in Silver upon an Ivory knocker and 3 bundles.[2]

No. 1 qts. as
A Bill of Sale of the barke *imploy*
A Bill of Sale of the *Craven*
A Bill of Sale of the *George* Ketch to Maximillian Keech by Thomas Agres[3]
Maximillians Keeches bill of Sale to the Compa. of the *James* Ketch
Tho. Agres Receipt for £240 of the *James* Ketch

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 59, n. 1, and 72, n. 2.

[2] None of the items listed has been traced in the Company's archives.

[3] This name is given as Ayres in A.1/6, fo. 33d. The name of the vessel should be *James*.

Thos. Agres and others bond to performe covenants
Edw. West and Jno. Reynolds bond for Edw. West fidelity to the Compa.
Capt. Zach. Gillams Obligation to render an Acco. of Ships Stores
Capt. Neh. Walkers bill of Ladeing Dated 5 May 83
Capt. Jno. Abrahams bill of Ladeing Dated 1 May 83
Wm. Whitegars Obligation to the Governr. and Compa. 79
Capt. Bonds covenant to Render possession of the Ship *Craven*
Jno. Nixon Esqr. bond for £5000 Dated 1679
Jno. Abrahams Obligation for £8
Henry Sergeant Esqr. bond to the Governr. & Compa. Dated 27 Apll. 1683 for £5000
Fran. Rainesfords Charter Party Dated 16th March 1682[1] for the *Dilligence* for Hudsons Bay Mr. Ger. Weymans and Jno. Abrahams Charter party Dated 21 March 1682[1] for the *George* Ketch for Porte Nellson

The Lease of Scriveners Hall for 7 yeares commencing 25 March 1682

Bundle No. 2 qts. as
John Coles Indenture Dated 1681
Henry Davis Indenture Dated 1676
Joseph Coles Indenture Dated 1678
Henry Coles Indenture Dated 1678
Anto. Beales Indenture Dated 1678
Tho. Ballwoods Indenture Dated 1676
Matthew Snellsons Indenture Dated 1678
Leyton Steels Indenture Dated 1678
Wm. Billings Indenture Dated 1678
Henry Kellseyes[2] Indenture Dated 1676

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[1] March 16 and March 21, 1683, New Style.

[2] There is no account in this man's name in the Company's ledgers and his identity has not been established. He should not be confused with the Henry Kelsey referred to on p. 232, who was reputed to be only about six years of age in 1676.

Bundle No. 3 qts. as
4 Deeds of the Mortgage of the Pattent & a Declaration of Trust from John Morris etc. a Receipt for £5120 and Memorandums concerneing the Same[1]

A bond from Capt. Thompson of £1000 Capt. Sheppard and Mr. Brookings bill for £50 James Knowles, Jno. Evins & Rich. Smartes Obligation

Jno. Shawes obligation to Governr. and Compa. 1679
Benj. Gorst Obligation to the Compa. 1679
Capt. Greenwayes order for £312. 10. –

Capt. Thompsons bond for the payment £132. 5. 11.
Wm. Fraziers obligation to the Compa. 1679
Capt. Shepards bond of £500

All wch. are lockt up in the Iron Chest the Keys of wch. were Delivered by order of this Committee as

The greate Keys to Mr. Gerr. Weymans
one padlock key to Mr. George Baron &
one padlock key to Mr. Jno. Letten.

The Compa. yet haveing occation for to borrow £100 to pay what is Due to Tradesmen wch. Mr. Jno. Letten is willing to accomodate them

Ordered that the Secretary prepare a bond agst. the next Committee Day for £100 wth. Int. after the rate of 6 p. c. to be Dated this Day payable 27 Decembr. next under the Compa. common Seale.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto these persons Following as

To Nico. Kempston for an Iron Chest & Keyes	£9. 17. 6

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[1] See p. 121, notes 1 and 2.

To Rich. Lateward for Wharfidg of Goods exported in Aprill last[1]	£3. 16. –

Adjourned untill next Wednesday att 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

August 1, 1683

Att a Committee 1 *August* 1683
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	

Ordered that a letter of Attorney be prepared agst. tomorrow morneing for to impower Edw. Randolfe Esqr.[2] to Seaze upon all Interlopers that shall Arrive att Boston or any Porte in New England from Hudsons Bay.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto these persons and Summs Following as

To Wm. Mayo for Groceries	£11. 10. –
To Joseph Billop the like	£31. – –
To Mr. Jno. Letten as the Ballance of his Acco.	£00. 12. 08
To Mr. Geo. Baron as the Ballance of his Acco.	£31. 14. 03
To Mr. Wm. Walker as the Ballance of his Acco.	£5. 15. 03

According to the Order of the last Committee the Secretary acquaints this Committee he has prepared a bond for Mr. Jno. Letten Dated 25 July last for the payment of £102. 10. 08 on 27 Decembr. next ensueing wch. being read was approved of Ordered the Secretary Signe and Seale the same in these words By Command of the Committee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. Onesiphorus Albin Secretary.

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[1] These would have been part of the cargo of the *Diligence* or the *George*, which left the Thames for Hudson Bay at the end of April, 1683.

[2] See pp. 116, 127–33.

Ordered that the Secretary receive the above £100 borrowed of Mr. Jno. Letten and render an acco. of the same to the Compa.

Adjourned to the 2 instant att 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon att the Bull head Taverne[1] by Chearing Cross.

Att a Committee att the Bull head Taverne by Chearing Cross
2 *Augt.* 1683
Present

August 2, 1683

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Walker
Mr. Baron	

According to the Order of the last Committee the Secretary presented a Draught of a Letter of Attorney to impower Edw. Randolfe[2] Esqr. Collector of his Majties. Customes in New England to seize upon all interlopers that shall Arrive from Hudsons Bay upon the reading of wch. it is the opinion of this Committee that Mr. Randolfe be consullted wth. all in wording the same and after to take Advice of a Dr. of the Civill Laws wch. this Committee leaves to the care of Sr. Chris. Wren.

Adjourned untill 11th 7br.[3] next but if any business falls out the Secretary is Ordered to Sommon the Committee.

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[1] Strype, *Stow's Survey Of London*, VI, 77, "The City of Westminster". "*Charing Cross*, a large open Place, fronting the *Strand*, the *Hay Market*, and *Whitehall*, in a triangular manner ..." Wheatley, *London Past and Present*, I, 300, states that the Bull Head Tavern was where Drummond's Bank now stands at 49, Charing Cross.

[2] See pp. 116, 126–33. For a biography of Edward Randolph see the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

[3] I.e., September.

August 7, 1683

Att a Committee 7 August 1683[1]
Present

Mr. Letten Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans Mr. Walker

Att this Committee was read a Letter of Attorney[2] ingrossed in parchment impowring Edward Randolfe Esqr. to seize all Interlopers that shall arrive in Boston wch. this Committee does approve of.

Ordered it be Dated this Day and Sealed wth. the Compa. Seale the Secretary reportes to this Committee that Mr. Randolphs desire was that the Agents from New England (viz.) Mr. Dudley and Mr. Richards be wittnesses to this letter of Atturney Ordered the Secretary find out the New England Agents and acquainte them the Committee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. Doe Desire to have some conference wth. them att the time and place where they shall appointe.

A letter was Read Dated the 11th July last from Mr. Jos. Dudley and Mr. Jno. Richards and a Letter from Sr. James Hayes Dated the 30 July last both Directed unto Simeon Bradstreet Esqr. Governr. of his Majties. Coloney of the Massac.[3] in Boston on behalfe of the Compa. to prevent Interlopers trading into Hudsons Bay wch. were approved of.

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[1] It will be seen from *H.B.S.*, VIII, ix, that as from August 7, 1683, there are three contemporary copies of the minutes. There is only an abridged version of the first three paragraphs of the minutes of August 7, 1683, in A.1/81, fo. 2.

[2] See pp. 116, 127–33. A copy is in A.6/1, fos. 38–9. The document was witnessed by Joseph Dudley, and John Richards, "Agents from New Engand to the King". A.15/2, fo. 69, August 30, 1683, "pd. the Clarkes of the Forreine plantations For rough Draughts & 1 faire letter of Att. in parchmt. to att. Mr. Randolph, spent upon the New England agents, and upon the Clarks & Mr. Randolph £3: 17: 6."

[3] I.e., Massachusetts. Copies are in A.6/1, fo. 37–37d.

Ordered Sr. Jams Hayes lr. be fairly transcribed and Subscribed by the Secretary Ja. Hayes according to Sr. James Hayes Desire and Mr. Dudlys & Richards Letter be inclosed in the same and be Delivered unto Mr. Randolph : the coppys of both wch. are to be Delivered him.

Ordered that Sr. Chris. Wren be Desired to Sattisfy and pay Mr. Blathwayt Secretary to the forreigne Plantation & his Clerkes what he judges fitt as allso for the Kings Letter[1] when obtained wch. the Secretary has order by this Committee to repay Sr. Chris. Wren.

Ordered the Compa. Seale in Silver upon an Ivory Knocker be left in the Secretarys Keeping.

Ordered that a lr. be written unto Mr. Morgan Lodg of Deale as the Compa. Did the last yeare to putt on board waiters on the Compa. Ships as they shall come by Deale wch. is to be subscribed by as many members as are in Towne.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Jos. Billop in full for Grocerries £0. 04. –.

Adjourned untill 11 Septembr. next but if Occation of meeting sooner the Secretary is to Sommon the Committee.

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[1] See p. 116, n. 4. A.15/2, fo. 69, August 30, 1683, "The Secretary of State Fees for the King's letter to the Government of Boston on behalfe of the Compa. to prevent Interlopers £6: 10: – ". See also pp. 130–33.

August 10, 1683

Att a Committee Att the Rummer Taverne[1] *by Chearing Cross*
10 *Augst.* 1683
Present

Mr. Letten	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Walker

At this Committee the Agents of New England (viz.) Mr. Jos. Dudley and Mr. Jno. Richards met the Committee before whome was read the Letter of Atturney granted to Mr. Randolph and Did see the same Sealed and Delivered as the Act and Deed of the Compa. to wch. they were Wittnesses[2] Ordered the Secretary signe the same in these words By Command of his Royall Highness and ye Committee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. Onesiphorus Albin Secretary.

Ordered the Secretary Deliver unto Mr. Edw. Randolph the above Letter of Attorney and a Letter of Sr. Jam. Hayes in wch. is inclosed a Letter from the Agents of New England Directed to the Honourable Simon Bradstreet Esqr. Governr. of his Majties. Coloney of the Massach. in Boston New England.

The Secretary acquaintes this Committee he has bin wth. Mr. Cooke Secretary to the Councell for the Kings Letter to the Governr. of New England who told him should be done but before it can be perfect he must have the Compa. pattent to see how farr the Compa. pattent reacheth Ordered the Secretary attend Mr. Cooke wth the Compa. pattent this Day.[1]

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[1] Wheatley, *London Past and Present,* III, 190, "Rummer Tavern (The). A famous tavern, two doors from Locket's, between Whitehall and Charing Cross, removed to the waterside of Charing Cross in 1710, and burnt down November 7, 1750. No traces exist. It was kept in Charles II's reign by Samuel Prior, uncle of Matthew Prior, the poet . . . The Rummer is introduced by Hogarth into his picture of 'Night' . . ."

[2] See pp. 116, 126–29.

Adjourned till tomorrow in the Afternoon att 4 of the Clock.

Att a Committee 11 *August* 1683
Present

August 11, 1683

Mr. Weymans	Mr. Baron
Mr. Letten	Mr. Walker

The Secretary reportes to this Committee he was yesterday wth. Mr. Cooke Secretary to the Kings Councell who told him he must make his Applications to the Lord Keeper and shew him the Compa. pattent Accordingly the Secretary did Attend upon him this Day wth. the Compa. pattent who told him he was fully Sattisfied of the Compa. power and promised to move it tomorrow att Windsor in Councell for the Kings Letter to the Governement in New England and wisht him to give Mr. Cooke an Abstract of the Compa. power wch. Accordingly he Did all wch. this Committee approves of.

Mr. Weymans now att this Committee Delivered the Pollecy of Insurance made on Capt. Greenway by wch. it appeares Rich. Russell & Sr. Jam. Hayes to each stand out £30.[2]

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[1] See P.R.O., C.O.1/66, No. 114, " A true Coppy of that Clause in the Hudsons Bay pattent which my Lord Keeper ordered me this 11th Day of August 1683 to transcribe & leave with the Earle of Sunderland ". Ibid., " My Lord Keeper has this 11 August 1683 Declared to us his sattisfaction herein Ma. Hildsly Onesiphorus Albin."

[2] See p. 113, notes 1 and 2. According to A.15/2, fo. 72d., Sir James Hayes paid £25. 14*s*. 3*d*. in part payment on October 26, 1683. See also p. 137.

Ordered the Secretary looke after this mony and receive it and be Accountable to the Compa. for the same.

Adjourned untill Munday next at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

August 13, 1683

Att a Committee 13 *August* 83
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Letten
Mr. Baron
Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans

The Secretary reportes to this Committee he has bin this Day wth. Mr. Cooke for the Kings letter who told him he has not yet had any returne from Windsor but Ordered him to come againe tomorrow.

A Letter to Mr. Randolph [1] the Compa. Atturney and another to Mr. Lodg [2] was now read and approved of Ordered that they be fairely transcribed and under written by this Committee wch. was now Accordingly done and both Sealed & Directed in the presence of this Committee and Ordered to be Delivered According to Directions.

Adjourned till 11 Septembr. next but if Occation of meeting sooner the Secretary is to Somon the Committee.

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[1] A copy, dated August 13, 1683, is in A.6/1, fo. 39d. Randolph was instructed to arrest Benjamin Gillam and seize the *Bachelor's Delight* when that vessel should reach New England.

[2] A copy is in A.6/1, fo. 39. Lodge was instructed to engage "waiters" to go abroad the ships expected from Hudson Bay in the autumn. See p. 129.

Att a Subcommittee 18 *August* 1683
Present

August 18, 1683

Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Wm. Walker

The Secretary reportes that on Thursday aboute 11 of the Clock in the forenoon he Received the Kings Letter[1] (the Coppy of wch. he has ingrossed in the Compa. Bookes) and understanding that Mr. Randolph was to be gone the same Day by 2 of the Clock the Secretary Did Deliver the Kings Letter to Mr. Randolph wch. this Committee approves of.[2]

Alderman Booth moved by the Secretary that some fitt person of the Committee be apointed to discourse the Comissioners att the Custome House aboute the withdraw back upon Tobacco exported by him and Mr. Letten the last Shipping Ordered that noe further progress be made herein untill Sr. James Hayes come to Towne.

As soone as the Ships expected from Hudsons Bay arrive in the Downes Ordered by this Committee the Secretary goe Downe to Graves End or farther if he thinkes or finds it convenient wth. such helpe as he shall thinke fitt and make Search for Furrs and Skins and seize upon them for the Compa. Acc. & Deliver up the Same on board of the said

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[1] The Company's copy of "The Kings letter to the Government of New England to prevent Interlopers" dated August 12, 1683, is in A.6/1, fo. 40. Copies are also in P.R.O., C.O.5/904, pp. 187–8, and C.O. 389/8, p. 218.

[2] A.1/6, fo. 37d., contains the following additional entry: "Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Daniel Andrew for Lanthornes & sconses the Compa. had of him the last year £1. 4. 6." There is a similar entry in A.1/81, fo. 3d. According to A.15/2, fo. 68d., the lanthornes and sconces were for use at Scriveners' Hall, or as the Company called it, "Hudsons Bay house in Noble street London" (A.6/1, fo. 39d.).

Ships to such persons as shall be responsible for the same to the Compa.

A Letter to Mr. Randolph[1] was read and approved of signed by this Committee and Sealed & Directed in their presence wch. is Ordered to be Delivered according to Directions.

Adjourned to the 11 September next but if any business occurs sooner the Secretary is to Sommon the Committee.

September 12, 1683

Att a Committee the 12 *Septembr.* 1683
Present

Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Gerr. Weymans	Mr. Wm. Walker

Att this Committee was read a letter the 3 instant from Mr. Morgan Lodg that he has not Recd. the Committees Letter Dated 13 August last upon wch. tis Ordered that a Coppy of the said Letter be sent him by the first post.[2]

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Jno. Jaggard and Ambrose Cox for salt £2. 03. 06.

Ordered that Edw. Bugby and Jno. Bridgar Coopers be the Compa. Coopers in the future and the Compa. Worke to be equally Divided amongst them.

Adjourned to the 26 Septembr. but if any business occurs in the meane time Ordered the Secretary sommon a Committee.

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[1] A copy dated August 18, 1683, is in A.6/1, fo. 40d. Randolph was requested to send news of the interloping *Bachelor's Delight* as soon as possible.

[2] A.1/81, fo. 4, contains the additional information that Morgan Lodge's letter, which is not in the Company's archives, was addressed to John Letten.

Att a Committee the 21 *Septemb.* 83
Present

September 21, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Ger. Weymans
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Wm. Walker

Sr. Jam. Hayes being present what hath passed since his Absence as the Minutes and Letters were openly read and approved of.

Att this Committee was Debated whither the Coate Beavor now in the Warehouse[1] shall be speedily exposed to Sale. The opinion of this Committee is it shall yet be Differred and Sr. Jam. Hayes is Desired to Discourse the whole business wth. Mr. Byfeild concerneing it.

Ordered Charles Bridgar Sale maker be in the future the Compa. Salemaker and the Sales of the Compa. Ships now exspected home be Delivered him upon their arrivall.

Adjourned to the 26 September instant.

Att a Committee the 21 *Septemb.* 83[2]
Present

September 21, 1683

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letton	Mr. Waymans
Mr. Barron	

Richard Lateward Wharfinger at the Customehouse Key presenting his Service to the Compa. as their Warfinger whome this Committe Doe accept of Ordered all Goods that are to be imported and all Goods that are to be exported in the future Shall be landed at his Key provided he useth the Compa. Civily upon that accte.

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[1] Presumably that remaining from the sale of March 14, 1683. See p. 78, n. 1, and p. 145.

[2] The following orders were obviously entered in error in A.1/2, fo. 118, under September 21, for they are repeated under September 26 (see p. 136). In A.1/6, fo. 39 and A.1/81, fo. 4d., all the orders appear under September 26.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay Edward Pead in full of his bill for trimbing of Caskes he being so much mistaken in the Casting up of his bill £0. 9s. –

September
26, 1683

Att a Committee 26 *Septembr.* 83
Present

Sr. Chris Wren
Mr. Letten
Mr. Baron
Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans

Richard Lateward Wharfinger att the Custome House Key presenting his Service to the Compa. as their Wharfinger whome this Committee Doe accept of Ordered all Goods that are to be imported and all Goods that are to be exported in the future shall be landed att his Key provided he useth the Compa. Civilly upon that Acce.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay Edward Peud in full of his Bill for trimbing of caskes he being soe much mistaken in the casting up of his bill £0. 9. –

The Secretary reporteing to this Committee that he findes by Sr. Robt. Claytons Acce. that Mr. Gerr. Bourne owes the Compa. £19 on the Acce. of Insurance as Insured by him in the yeare 1678 on Thompson[1] £50 and Agreed for 78 p. Cent of wch. Sr. Robt. Clayton Recd. in May 1679 £20 Ordered

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[1] The insurance on the *Shaftesbury* in 1678. See p. 115. According to A.15/1, fo. 19d., there was no underwriter named Gerrard Bourne, but a " Mr. Nehemiah Borne " was committed to the extent of £78. See pp. 137, 139.

Mr. Wm. Walker be Desired to make inquiry into this Affaire and make reporte thereof the next Comittee.

Rich. Russell being Demaunded by the Secretary £30 for insureing £100 on Greenway[1] in the yeare 1680 who promiss to pay £10 thereof on 19 Octobr. next Ordered the Secretary looke after it and receive it.

The Secretary to this Committee that the last Sunday apeared aboute 2 or 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon a fellow upon the Leads of this House who Appearing soe unseasonabley and being spied ran for it Ordered the Secretary take care and secure the House by makeing Shutters to the uper Warehouse and in the Staire Case to the Garden where he thinkes he may Secure it.

Adjourned untill the 10 Octobr. next but if Occasion of meeting sooner the Secretary has Order to Somon a Comittee.

Att a Committee 10 *October* 1683
Present

October 10, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Chris. Wren	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Ger. Weymans	Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Wm. Walker	

Ordered the Secretary Demand of Mr. Ger. Bourne £19. as Due from him for his insureing £50 on the *Shasbury* in the yeare 1678.

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[1] See p. 113, n. 2, and p. 131. A.15/2, fo. 72d., shows that Russell paid the £10 as agreed on October 19, 1683. The remaining £20 was still outstanding on November 24, 1684 (ibid., fo. 115d.) and was finally written off as a loss on November 10, 1694 (A.15/4, fo. 78).

Ordered the Secretary Demand of Mr. Rich. Levitt the Keys of the Celler under the Hall and cause him to clense the same and carry away all the Rubbish therein and soe nothing be removed that is fixed to the freehold.[1]

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto the Master and Wardens of the Scriveners Compa. a Quarters Rent Due at Miclemass past £15.

Ordered Sr. Jam. Hayes be Desired to Discourse the Comissrs. of the Custome House aboute the wth. Drawback Alderman Boothes & Mr. Jno. Lettens Demands for tobacco they sold the Compa. and exported upon the Compa. Acco. the last Shipping.

Ordered Mr. Byfeild be Desired to send to the Compa. warehouse some fitt persons to Shake and beate over the beavor [2] and then tey up the same and soe stow it in some corner of the Warehouse.

Adjourned untill next Wednesday but if occation of meeting sooner the Secretary is Ordered to Sommon the Committee.

October 17, 1683

Att a Committee 17 *Octobr.* 1683
Present

Mr. Geo. Baron	Mr. Wm. Walker
Sr. Jam. Hayes	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Ger. Weymans

Sr. Jam. Hayes reporteing that he has bin wth. the Commissioners of the Custome House in order to the wth.

[1] See pp. 24, 85.
[2] As precaution against damage by moths. See p. 117.

Drawback Demanded by Alder. Booth and Mr. Letten the Comissrs. answer was they cold not doe any thing in this business untill they had a full board and therefore apointed Sr. Jam. Hayes to come to them on Thursday next come sevennight upon the Affaire.

Sr. James Hayes reporteing he has now Recd. an Acco. from Mr. Byfeild what beavor has bin imported[1] from Christmas 1681 to Christmas 1682 (viz.) 2472 beavor skins & 1030 beavor wombs[2] Ordered Sr. Jam. Hayes be Desired to acquainte the Comissrs. of the Custome House therewth. and be earnest wth. them to prevent the like in the future and Ordered the Secretary goe to Mr. Glover wth. Sr. Jam. Hayes & to Mr. Byfeild to the Comissrs. of the Custome House upon Thurseday sevennight aboute this Affaire.

The Secretary reporting he has been wth. Mr. Ger. Bourne for £19. according to the Order of the last Committee who denies he owes the Compa. soe much Money Upon wch. it is Ordered that Mr. Letten and Mr. Walker be Desired to goe to him wth. the Secretary and inquire into this Affaire and make reporte thereof to the next Committee.[3]

Whereas on the 12 Septembr. last it was Ordered that Edw. Bugby and Jno. Bridgar shall be the Compa. Coopers in the future this Committee being informed that Edw. Bugby is gone to Sea Ordered that Humphry Bell be put in his place and the Cooperidg be Devided Between Bell and Bridgare in the future.

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[1] I.e., contrary to the Navigation Laws. For the Company's concern that these Laws should be enforced see Introduction, p. xxxvii, and p. 109, n. 2, and p. 122.

[2] *Oxford English Dictionary*, " Womb . . . The belly-piece of a hide or skin. . . . 1612 *Sc. Bk. Rates* in *Halyburton's Ledger* (1867) 305 Beaver bellies or wombes the peice, viii s." The term is now obsolete. The belly or flank of the skin is usually lighter in colour than the back and, being less valuable, is not used in the best manufactured fur garments.

[3] No settlement was arrived at, for according to A.15/2, fo. 115d., this amount of £19 " for Insurance of the *Shasbury* " was still unpaid on November 24, 1684.

Adjourned untill 24 Octobr. present.

October 24, 1683

Att a Committee 24 *Octobr.* 1683[1]
Present

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Baron[2]

According to the Order of the last Committee the Secretary presented to this Committee an abstract of all the Letters[3] the Committee Recd. by the *Geo.* Ketch wch. this Committee approves of.

Severall letters[3] by the same Ketch Directed to Sr. Jam. Hayes from the bottome of the Bay and from Porte Nellson were openly read as allso two letters[3] Directed to Mr. Rich. Cradock wch. the Secretary has Order to Deliver him.

Ordered the Secretary enter 100 beavor skins at the Custome House as soone as the *Geo.* Ketch is entred att the Custome House and cause them to be taken up and Surveyed and after that to bring them up into the Warehouse.

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[1] These minutes are entered out of order in A.1/2. See p. 141.

[2] According to A.1/6, fo. 40d., Sir James Hayes was present at this meeting but not Mr. George Baron. The minutes for the meetings held on October 22, 24, 26 and 27 are not entered in A.1/81.

[3] These letters have not been traced in the Company's archives.

Ordered the Secretary bring before the next Committee a perticuler Acco. of the Ladeing of the *Prince Rupert*[1] and the *Albemarle*[2] that went hence last yeare.

Adjourned till next Fryday att 3 of the Clock in Afternoon.

Att a Committee 22 *Octobr.* 1683 wch. Committee should have bin placed before the last.
Present

October 22, 1683

Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Baron

The *George* Ketch being arrived in the Downes the Severall lrs. Dated at Forte Hayes[3] in Porte Nellson from Mr. Jam.

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[1] The *Prince Rupert* was lost at Port Nelson in 1682. See p. 151. For brief accounts of the events at Port Nelson during season 1682–83 see *H.B.S.*, V., 246–47 ; Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 186 et seq. ; and A. S. Morton, *A History of the Canadian West to* 1870–71 (London, 1939), p. 84 et seq.

[2] The *Albemarle* was still in Hudson Bay. As will be seen from *H.B.S.*, VIII, 233, n. 1, the Committee instructed that the *Albemarle* (Captain Ezbon Sandford) should spend the winter of 1682–83 at Port Nelson and sail to Charlton Island in the spring for Governor Nixon's orders. The *Prince Rupert* (Captain Zachariah Gillam), after assisting Bridgar to build a post at Port Nelson, was to winter at Rupert River, or as directed by Governor Nixon. Groseilliers speaks of the arrival of two English vessels at Port Nelson (Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 325), and of the loss of the *Prince Rupert*, which happened on October 21, 1682, (see p. 151). This loss made a change of plans necessary, and it is evident from pp. 142, 150, 165, 166 that the *Albemarle* wintered at Rupert River, and thereafter remained in service in Hudson Bay.

[3] The post established by John Bridgar in 1682 and captured and burnt by Radisson early in 1683. See Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 186–97 and Morton, *History of the Canadian West*, pp. 86, 88. The position of the post, according to Professor Morton, was on the north bank of the Nelson River just below Flamborough Head, but in A.6/1, fo. 45, it was described as " scituated on the South side of the said [Nelson] River ". If the position was on the south bank a correction is necessary to the statement made on p. 246 of *H.B.S.*, V.

Walker as allso Severall Letters[1] from Governr. Nixon and others in the bottome of the Bay brought from thence by Capt. Wm. Bond in the *Albemarle* To Porte Nellson were openly read Ordered the Secretary put notes upon them as he useth to doe and agst. the next Committee make reporte of the whole importe of them.

Ordered the Secretary goe on board the *Geo.* Ketch when she comes up and search her for Furrs and pay & Discharge the Waiters on board.

This Adjournement was to the 24 wch. goes before.

October 26, 1683

Att a Committee 26 *Octobr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Baron
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	

Att this Committee the News came of Capt. Nehemiah Walkers[2] Arrivll. in the Downes the Letters by him Directed to the Committee were now read one of wch. was from Capt. Walker desireing to know what he should doe wth. Lucas[3] and the rest of the Interlopeing men he brought home wth. him to whome this Committee have Answered they shall be set on shore as by theire Letter to him appeares in the Coppy booke of Letters.[1]

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[1] The letters have not been found in the Company's archives.

[2] In the *Diligence.*

[3] See p. 11, n. 1. For a biography of Richard Lucas see Appendix C, pp. 329–31, and for his affidavit dated October 27, 1683, concerning the interloping expedition see Appendix A, pp. 280–81.

Ordered Jacob Randall be paid his charges in bringing up the packquett brought from on board Capt. Walker in the Downes the summe of 30/- as a gratuety.

Ordered that if Capt. Nehemiah Walker be Arrested as to any thing he has done in and aboute the takeing the Interloper in Hudsons Bay that Mr. John Letten Mr. Ger. Weymans Mr. Geo. Baron and Mr. Wm. Walker be Desired to bayle him and for their soe doeing the Compa. & Stock will beare them harmeless.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 27 *October* 1683
Present

October 27, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Baron
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Walker

Ordered the Secretary pay Mr. Morgan Lodges bill of £1. 10. Drawen by Mr. Geo. Geyer Dated in Deale 26 instant for charges in bringing up the packquett from the Downes.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 33d., Governor and Committee to Nehemiah Walker, April 27, 1683, " If it shall happen that you meet with any ship or other vessell sayling or trading within the said Bay without our Lycence you are to seize them, together with all Goods which shall be on board, the one halfe to the use of his Majesty, the other halfe for the use of the Compa. & to bring them home with you for England & them safely to Deliver at your Arrivall here to the order of the Dept. Governour & Committee of the said Company." Walker's letters have not been found in the Company's archives.

The Severall Letters private Recd. by the *Dilligence* were read, Ordered the Secretary Seale them up & Deliver them.

Ordered that in the future all Serveants that are taken into the Compa. Service, those that doe recommend them be incerted in the Minute booke.

Adjourned till next Tuesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

October 30, 1683

Att a Committee 30 *October* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Jno. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Geo. Baron	Mr. Ger. Weymans

The Secretary Acquaints the Committee he has entred 100 beavor Skins in the *Geo.* Ketch from Porte Nellson wch. the Committee approves of.

Ordered the Secretary buy the Indian[1] (that came over this Voyage in Capt. Walkers Ship) Clothes and is left to the care of Mr. Geo. Geyer wth. whome this Committee have Agreed wth. him to keep the Indian for six Shillings by Weeke.

The Committee doe now Order that the Day of Sale for the Coate Beavor now in the Warehouse and all the parchmt. beavor and other Goods now com'd home (except the Coate

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[1] See p. 156. According to p. 220 and A.15/2, fo. 90d., George Geyer received £4. 11*s.* 0*d.* " for Disbursemts. for the Indian " on March 26, 1684, and ibid., fo. 113, November 24, 1684, 1*s.* 0*d.* was paid for " phisick for the Indian in January last ". Presumably the Indian died whilst in England, for in A.24/1, fo. 7d., under date April 29, 1684, we find that " the Indians Clothes & haire in a boxe " were shipped aboard the *John and Thomas* pink (Captain Leonard Edgcombe) for Rupert River. See Appendix B, p. 298.

Beavor) in the *Geo.* Ketch from Porte Nellson[1] and in the *Dilligence* from the bottome of the Bay[2] be exsposed to Sale on Wednesday 28 Novembr. next. Ordered that printed Notes

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[1] The coat beaver in the warehouse was that left from the sales of November 15, 1682, and March 14, 1683. A.15/2, fo. 114d., " Port Nellson Beavor Dr. to Voyage to Port Nellson £15: 17: 3*d.* recd. in Good condition in & upon the *George* Ketch Wm. Bond Mr. in October 1683 as

40 parchment small beavor skins	180 in all wch. cost the first penny £15: 17: 3"
20 whole skins parchment beavor	
120 Coate beavor skins	

Ibid., November 28, 1683, and March 19, 1684, these skins were sold for £96. 18*s.* 9*d.* Cf. p. 160, n. 3, and p. 214, n. 1). The small number of skins is accounted for by the fact that the Company's post at Port Nelson had been destroyed by the French early in 1683. The English servants had been sent to the Bottom of the Bay, Governor Bridgar had been taken prisoner to Quebec, and Groseilliers' son, Jean Baptiste Chouart, left in charge of the French force remaining at Port Nelson. (Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 194–96). This news would have been brought to England by the *George* ketch, and the skins referred to above were presumably traded by that vessel whilst at Port Nelson in the summer of 1683. For an account of the events at Port Nelson after Radisson's departure with his prisoner, Bridgar, see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 223-24. The English frigate mentioned in this account as wintering at Port Nelson in 1683–84 would have been the *Albemarle* (see p. 141, n. 2).

[2] A.15/2, fo. 114, " Sundrey Accts. Drs. to Voyage to Hudsons Bay £1544. 17. 7 recd. in good condition in & upon the Good ship called the *Dilligence* whereof is Master Capt. Nehe. Walker in Octob. 1683.

The beavor Accte.

10903 Coate beavor	in all 20075 beavors wch. cost	£1505	12	6	
5970 parchment					
510 ¾ beavor					
2652 ½ beavor					
40 T.P. parchment	. . . .	£ 3	0	0	
Catt skins 55 which cost	. . . .	£ 2	1	3	
Otters 212 which cost .	. . . .	£ 7	19	0	
Vissers 1966 which cost	. . . .	£ 18	8	7	
Foxe 43 which cost	. . . .	£ 1	12	3	
Wolfe 7 which cost	. . . .	£ 0	10	6	
Quickahash [wolverine] 8 which cost	.	£ 0	10	0	
Musquash 77 which cost	. . .	£ 1	12	3	
Elkes 95 wch. cost	. . . .	£ 3	11	3	
					£1544 17 07"

For the results of the sale, see p. 160, n. 3.

thereof be printed wth. all speed and Dispersed and Notice given thereof on the Exchange.

Mr. Cooke and Mr. Evens proffering to lend the Compa. what Money they have Occation for gratis Resolved by this Committee that £300 be borrowed of each of them for supplying the Compa. necessary occations.

Ordered the Coate Beavor now come home be putt into the Celler[1] & the Celler to be flowred wth. Deales not fixed but loose, of wch. the Secretary is to take care to see it done.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay unto Mr. Ger. Weymans to cleare all the Goods now come home at the Custome House £300.

Ordered the Secretary take care and buy for Nico. Andrew the Porter a Cloth gowne of a beavor Culler lyned wth. red Stuff and likewise a long stafe whose head shall be a Silver Fox.[2]

Adjourned untill next Thursday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] This was the first occasion on which a cargo was lodged under the Company's own roof. Although Scriveners' Hall was in occupation when the *Diligence* returned in 1682, the Committee looked for "warehouses at the waterside to lodg the beavor in untill the Custome be paid" (p. 25), presumably because the cellar under the Hall was let to Richard Levett. See also pp. 24, 26, 27, 37, 85, 138, and cf. p. 173.

[2] A.15/2, fo. 78, November 27, 1683, "Charges on Merchantdizes Drs. to Onesiphorus Albin . . . pd. out by him as Followes . . . pd. Francis Mosely for 6½ Do. loops, silke, canvas, neck loope & making the porters gowne £2", and ibid., fo. 82d., December 10, 1683, "Sundry Accts. Drs. to Wm. Walker . . . Household Goods as

For a Cane for a Portors staffe	£0: 6: –	
pd. for a silver head to the Cane with the Compa. Armes on it ingraven wt. 11 u. 5 dw.	£4: 18: 6	£5: 4: 6"

Att a Committee the 1 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

November 1, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Baron
Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten

The Secretary reporting he has been on board the *Geo.* Ketch and made Search of what Goods were on board and found Severall beavor and other Skins Ordered all the Goods on board the *Geo.* Ketch be brought into the Compa. Warehouse.

The Committee on the 26 Octobr. last Ordered Mr. Geo. Baron, Mr. Jno. Letten, Mr. Ger. Weymans and Mr. Wm. Walker to bale Capt. Nehe. Walker if Arrested by the Interloper that went for Hudsons Bay the Lott being now Drawen wch. of the two should bale him and the Lott fell upon Mr. Geo. Baron and Mr. Wm. Walker whome the Compa. and Stock will beare harmeless in soe doeing for wch. they shall be Assured thereof under the common Seale of the Compa.

Ordered Mr. West give Attendance to morrow att the Custome House and goe on board the *Geo.* Ketch wth. the Secretary and looke after the Skins and Furrs Entred and bring them into the Compa. Warehouse att the Custome House and likewise all the Skins and Furrs that were found on board as appeares by the Note now exhibited to this Committee.

Ordered Mr. Ger. Weymans and Mr. Jno. Letten be Desired to examin the Secretarys Acco. of the Severall Summs of Money he has Recd. of the Compa.

Ordered the Secretary make up Jno. Tomes Acco. and what is Due to him to pay his Widow.

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke & Compa. pay unto Onesiphorus Albin for Disbursements for the Compa. use £40.

Ordered all the Wood, Coales & Candles spent in this House the charge thereof be borne by the Compa.

The Secretary reporteing to the Committee he has Searced Mr. Sandfords[1] trunck and finding therein Severall papers and books belonging to the Compa. and Severall to himselfe Ordered what belongs to the Compa. be retained in their keeping and what belongs to Sandford Be delivered to his Widow.

Adjourned till next Munday in the Afternoon att 3 of the Clock.

November
5, 1683

Att a Committee 5 Novembr. 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Letten
Sr. Chris. Wren	Mr. Walker

Ordered the Coate Beavor now in the Warehouse be sorted & lotted out as usually into 200 Skins each Lott by Mr. Jarvis Byfeild Mr. Thos. Willkinson.

Ordered the Secretary goe on board the *Dilligence* Capt. Nehemiah Walker commander and take up all the Goods come home in her & lighter them and soe land them att the Custome House key.

Ordered the *Albemarle* and *Rupert* men as allsoe all the land men that came from Porte Nellson bring the Secretary in

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[1] See Appendix C, pp. 333–34.

Writeing their Demands of the Compa. who is to examin the Same and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Jno. Outlaw[1] for Subsistance Mony £3.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Sr. James Hayes from time to time what Money he Shall have Occation for to carry on the Lawshute agst. the Interloper.[2]

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay these Summs and persons Following.

To Joseph Albin 6 m. Wages Due 3 instant	£12. 10.
To Geo. Geyer on Acco. of his Wages	£5.

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee the 7 November 1683
Present

November 7, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke & Compa. pay unto Mr. Gerr. Weymans on Acco. of Fraight of the *Geo.* Ketch to and from Hudsons Bay £230.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 80, [December 4, 1683], "John Outlawes Affidavit concerning the French Insult from Canada", states that in June, 1682, he sailed from New England to Hudson Bay as one of the mates of the interloping ship *Bachelor's Delight*, Benjamin Gillam, master. A biography of John Outlaw will appear in a later volume in this series.

[2] This presumably refers to the action in the High Court of Admiralty arising out of Nehemiah Walker's capture of the interloping ship *Expectation*. See Appendix A, pp. 263–85.

Ordered the two Charter Parties of the *Dilligence* & *Geo.* Ketch and the bill of Ladeing be taken out of the Iron Chest & Delivered the Secretary the better to inable him to make up the Accots. between the Compa. and them wch. was Accordingly done.

Adjourned till next Fryday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

November 9, 1683

Att a Committee 9 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. John Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Geo. Baron	Mr. Ger. Weymans

This Committee haveing heard of Severall Complaintes against Captaine Nehe. Walker Ordered the Secretary Search into those Complaintes and Draw up a charge agst. the Said Capt. in Writeing wth. his Accusers who is to give Answer thereunto in Writeing.

Ordered the *Prince Rupert* Men and the Land Men that were att Porte Nellson their Wages be terminated to their Arrivall att Charleton Island being the 25 August 1683.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay unto Mary Abrahams John Abrahams Wife on Acco. of his Wages £10.

Ordered the *Albemarles* Mens Wages be terminated to the time of their Arrivall att Porte Nellson the 27 August 1683 wch. the Compa. is to pay and from Porte Nellson to their Arrivall in the Thames Mr. Gerr. Weymans is to pay them.

Ordered the Difference[1] between the Compa. and Mr. Gerr. Weymans be Amicably composed and referred to two Men one to be chosen by the Compa. and the Other by Mr. Weymans wch. if they cannot Agree and Umpire Shall be chosen by them who Shall Decide the whole Difference.

Ordered the Secretary fix the lesser Seale of the Compa. to a Parchment Deed now exhibited to this Committee by the Proctors the Compa. makes use in the Prerogative Courte to Authorize them to Act and Doe for the Compa.[2]

Ordered the Secretary rate the Goods as he has Done these 2 yeares past wch. were sold the Compa. Serveants this yeare in the Bay in the Booke[3] now sent home.

Ordered the Wages of all the Men in the *Prince Rupert* excepting Captaine Gillam be Determined to the 21 Octobr. 1682 the Time the *Prince Rupert* was Driven from her Anchor to Sea[4] and never since heard of.

Ordered the Tooles Tho. Killdale Gunsmith left in the Bay be paid for and the Secretary take Advice wth. some of the Compa. Gunsmiths what they are worth and Make up the Said Killdalls Wages as Governr. Nixon Agreed wth. him for.

Ordered Mr. Ger. Weymans Send for beyond Seas 50 Gunns agst. next Shiping.[5]

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[1] In connection with the chartering of the *George* ketch, of which he was part-owner. See. pp. 83, 87, 164, 178, 181, 182, 192.

[2] The following additional entry appears in A.1/81, fo. 8, "Ordered James Hawshead accte. be stated & brought before the Commite next."

[3] The "Booke" has not been traced.

[4] See p. 141, n. 1.

[5] These guns apparently did not arrive. There were no specific references to foreign guns in the invoices of 1684 (see Appendix B, pp. 289–313), and no mention of them was made in the accounts until April 6, 1685 (A.15/3, fo. 17), when "The Gun Accte. pd. p. Mr. Richard Cradock in Importing 10 guns from Amsterdam . . . £0. 19. 08."

Ordered the Beavor now come home from Porte Nellson be Sorted and exsposed to Sale by it Selfe and the Secretary is Ordered to keep that Account Seperate in the Compa. bookes.[1]

Adjourned till next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

November 12, 1683

Att a Committee 12 *November* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Ger. Weymans	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. John Letten	Sr. Chris. Wren

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and Summs Following

To Tho. Savage on Acco. of his Wages	£20.	16.	06
To Jacob Robinson the like	£12.	13.	04
To Tho. Coleman the like	£33.	08.	03
To Phillip Bayley the like	£38.	18.	–
To Wm. Thaxter the like	£16.	–	–
To Rich. Pearson the like	£13.	09.	04
To Ralph Pearte the like	£8.	18.	11
To Tho. Killdale the like	£69.	13.	11
To Nicholas Traversero the like	£41.	04.	08
To Sam. Cole the like to his Daughter Eliz. Cole	£ 9.	09.	–
To Danll. Wattall the like to Ann his Wife	£ 9.	–	–
To Rich. Taylor the like to Joane his Wife	£ 6.	15.	–
To John Hickson the like to Mary his Wife	£ 4.	06.	06
To John Nichollson the like	£16.	15.	10
To John Nixon[2] the like	£50.	–	–
To Hugh Verner the like to Elinor his Wife	£20.	–	–

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[1] See p. 145, n. 1.

[2] The Deputy Governor and Committee had recalled Nixon home in their letter of April 27, 1683 (A.6/1, fo. 32). See Appendix C, p. 332.

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay unto Mr. Francis Raynesford and Capt. Nehe. Walker on Acct. of Fraight of the *Dilligence* in pte.	£300. – –

Ordered the Secretary take care a Genll. Courte be Sommoned on Wednesday come Sevennight to appeare att the Hudsons Bay House for the chuseing of a Governr. Deputy Governr. and Committee for the yeare ensueing and what transferrs are made after next tuesday shall not be brought to the old Accts. nor those Adventurers printed in the list of Adventurers.[1]

Ordered that padlocks be put upon the Doors of the Warehouse on the outside The Keys of wch. Shall be in the keeping of Joseph Albin who is constantly to Attend the Warehouse when the Doors are open.

Ordered Dr. Kers Wages be made up According to the Establishment and to make up what Governr. Nixon Agreed wth. him be Added as a Gratuity from the Compa.

Ordered that Jam. Hawshead formerly an Apprentice to the Compa. who by Indenture are to pay him £10 and 2 Shutes of Clothes Ordered he Shall in leiu of all Wages and pretences whatever be paid the Summ of £15.

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] No printed list for this year has been found in the Company's archives.

November
14, 1683

Att a Committee 14 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Ger. Weymans
Sr. Chris. Wren	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Wm. Walker

The Secretary acquaintes the Committee he has According to their Order made up the books of the Adventurers of this Compa. a List of wch. he does now exhibit to this Committee as allsoe a forme of a Sommons of a Genll. Courte both wch. this Committee approves of Ordered the Secretary print 2 quire of the Adventurers and 40 coppies of the Sommons.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To John Cheeke in full his Wages	£3. 07. 09
To Tho. Taylor the like	£15. 04. 08
To George Guyer the like	£31. 17. 01
To Jam. Hawshead the like	£15. – –

The Committee being informed that there are 40 whole parchmt. beavor Skins now come home by Capt. Walker Marked Phipps belonging to Tho. Phipps in the Bay who has Sent 2 certificates how he came by them (viz.) through the wante of Goods of the Compa. Ordered that these 40 Skins be mixt wth. the Compa. and Sorted out and Sold wth. theirs.

Adjourned till next Friday.

Att a Committee 16 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

November
16, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Chris. Wren
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Rich. Sally in full his Wages	£25. 04. 10
To Michll. Grimington the like	£27. 07. 05
To Tho. Golburne the like	£17. 16. 10
To Jno. Calvert the like	£26. 16. –
To Jno. Ker the like	£37. 16. 06
To Tho. Cary the like	£ – 19. 09
To Jno. Thorpe the like	£21. 05. 02
To Rich. Phynness the like	£17. 10. 10

Ordered Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay unto Onesiphorus Albin as the Ballance of his Acct. ending the 7 Instant as due to him £15. 04. 09.

Ordered Tho. Mettam Carpenter that went over wth. Capt. Greenway in the yeare 1680 and entertained in the Compa. Service by Governr. Nixon the 1 Aprill 1681 be paid as Governr. Nixon Agreed wth. him from that time to the time of his Imbarqueing att Charleton Island the 15 Septembr. 1683 att £3 p. Month.

Ordered Mr. West Deliver unto Mr. Joseph Stacy 2 patterne Gunns that are in the Warehouse to be cleered and returned Againe.

Ordered the Secretary make up Wm. Whitagers Acco. and reporte how he findes it against the next Committee.

Ordered Jacob Robinson have a Gratuity of 40*s*. for his Good Service in the Bay.

Ordered One. Albin pay these persons and Summs Following

To Geo Gyer for his charges in carrying the Indian up and downe into the Cuntrey	£1. 10. –
To Jno. Outlaw for his supporte	£2. – –

Adjourned till next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

November 19, 1683

Att a Committee 19 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Gerr. Weymans

Ordered Mr. Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay unto Mr. Francis Raynsford in farther parte payment for Fraight of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay . . . . . £200.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following:

To Tho. Mettam in full his Wages	£65. 19. 10
To Chris. Cheeseman	£23. 11. 01
To Jno. Baynes Jno. Funters Atto.	£11. 16. 03
To Jac. Robinson a Gratuety	£ 2. – –
To Jno. Browneson Martha his Wife Atto.	£28. – 08

Ordered the Warehouse Keeper Desire the Furriers to chuse out 5 of the best Vissers and of every other sorte of Furrs some choice Skins to be presented to the Lady Fauckland as a present to her from the Compa.

Adjourned till to morrow att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 20 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

November 20, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Geo. Baron
Mr. Wm. Walker
Sr. Chris. Wren
Mr. Ger. Weymans

Ordered the last Committee that a present of Furrs Should be made to the Right Honnourable the Lady Faukeland[1] wch. Accordingly this Committee present her these Furrs Following wch. the Warehouse keeper is Ordered by this Committee to Deliver them to Mr. Jarvis Byfeild for the Ladys Faucklands use.

12 Catts
5 Vissers
3 White Fox
2 Otters
2 beavors
Skins

The votes for chuseing a Governr. Depty. Governr. and Committee for the ensueing yeare were brought in and putt into the balleting glass and Sealed up and Delivered to the care of the Secretary to keep in his custody.

Adjourned till to Morrow att 10 of the Clock.[2]

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 77, November 20, 1683, " Profitt & Loss Dr. to severall sorte of Goods £7: 12: – as By the order of the Committee this these skins & furrs were presented to Sr. James Hayes for his Lady the Lady Fauckland as

To catt skins for 12 cost	£3: 12: –
To Vissers for 5 vissers	£1: –: –
To Foxeskins for 3 white	£0: 6: –
To Otters for 3 otters	£1: 10: –
To Coate beaver for 2 beavors	£1: 04: –"

[2] A.1/6 ends at this point, and A.1/7 begins with the next meeting.

November 21, 1683 *Att a Generall Court held att the Hudson Bay House the* 21 *November* 1683

Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Wm. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Nic. Hayward
Mr. Rich. Cradock	Mr. Robt. Stamper
Marke Hildsly Esqr.	Mr. Jno. Humphry
Mr. Tho. Ellis[1]	Mr. Geo. Baron

The Governr. Depty. Governr. and Committee being to be chosen the Ballett was taken and the choice made as Follows.

His Royall Highness Governr.[2]
Sr. James Hayes Depty. Governr.

The Committee

Sr. Edward Dering knt.[3]
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Rich. Cradock
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Ger. Weymans
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Nico. Hayward

The Oath of Fidelity to the Company was Administred to

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[1] A.43/1, fo. 34d., July 14, 1683, Henry Cornish of London transferred £350 stock to Thomas Ellis of London, merchant. Ibid., fo. 53d., February 12, 1687, Ellis transferred £250 stock to Daniel Heringhook of London, merchant. Ibid., fos. 59d., 70, September 2, 1687, Ellis assigned his remaining £100 stock to Henry Dering, Esq., of the Inner Temple, London.

[2] James, Duke of York.

[3] A biography of Sir Edward Dering will appear in a later volume in this series.

Sr. James Hayes Deputy Governr. and after that to these of the Committee

Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Richard Cradock
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Nico. Hayward

Att a Committee 21 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

November
21, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Rich. Cradock
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Wm. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Nico. Hayward
Mr. Jno. Letten	Mr. Ger. Weymans

Sr. Edw. Dering Mr. John Letten and Mr. Ger. Weymans being absent att the Generall Court, Did now take the Oath of Fidelity to the Compa.

Thos. Golman humbly petitioned for some Supporte and releife as Disabled in the *Prince Rupert* by the loss of one of his hands Resolved he Shall have releife of 40*s.*

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay unto Thomas Golburne as a Gratuety £2.

Ordered the Goods that are to be exposed to Sale on the 28 Instant Shall be Sett up as Follows

Coate Beavor att	11*s.*	p. li.
Parchment Beavor att	8*s.*	p. li.
Small Beavor att	6*s.*	p. li.
Stage Beavor att	4½*s.*	p. li.

Vissers att	2½*s.*	p. Skin
Otters att	8*s.* 6*d.*	p. Skin
Foxe att	1*s.* 6*d.*	p. Skin
Wolfes att	4*s.*	p. Skin
Wolfereen att	2*s.* 6*d.*	p. Skin
Quash[1] att	2*d.*	p. Skin
Catts att	5*s.*	p. Skin

48 ps. Skin Beavor wth. Damaged beavor att 30*s.*[2]

The biddings to be Added as it was the last yeare.[3]

Ordered the Goods and prices above be forthwith printed and Dispersed abroad amongst Mercts. Furriers and hatters.

Ordered the bonds be likewise printed in that forme as Usuall only the last Day of payment be on 31 Decembr. next the product of the Coate Beavor be paid to Tho. Cooke and Compa. att the Signe of the Griffen in Exchange Ally and the product of the parchment Beavor Vissers, Otters, and all other Skins and Furrs be paid unto Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. att the Signe of the Black Boy in Lumbard Street.

Ordered the Warehouse keeper Deliver 2 rabbit Skins to two Severall Furriers to be tryed what they are worth.

Adjourned till next Fryday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] I.e., musquash.

[2] A.1/81, fo. 12d., contains the following additional entry: "Drest elkes at 8/– p. skin undrest elkes at 9*d.* p.s."

[3] For the cargoes brought home in 1683 see p. 145, notes 1 and 2. The following table of results has been compiled from A.15/2, fos. 78d.–83d., and A.14/4, fos. 37d.–159. Insufficient details are given therein so it is not possible to show how much of the cargo remained unsold, but it is obvious that once again the market did not want the coat beaver. On January 11, 1684, the coat beaver in the warehouse amounted to 7,400 skins. See p. 187.

(Footnote continued on opposite page.)

Goods	Buyer	No. of Lots	No. of Skins	Weight lbs.	Price per lb. s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beaver, Coat	John Legendre	2	200	397	11	2	221	13	2	221	13	2
Beaver, Parchment	William Baker	2	600	570	8	8	247	0	0			
,, ,,	,, ,,	1		280	9	0	126	0	0	373	0	0
,, ,,	Richard Gawthorne	10	3,200	2,870	8	4	1,195	16	8			
,, ,,	,, ,,	6		1,708	8	6	725	18	0	1,921	14	8
,, ,,	Henry Summers	1 ×		48	8	6	20	8	0	20	8	0
Beaver, Parchment	John Blake	1		283	8	6	120	5	6	120	5	6
,, ,,	Joseph Marshall	2		563	8	6	239	5	6	239	5	6
,, ,,	Henry Wheatley	1	48 pieces				4	10	0	4	10	0
Beaver, Small	Gerrard Weymans	1		304	6	3	95	0	0	95	0	0
,, ,,	Richard Gawthorne	1		312	6	3	97	10	0			
,, ,,	,, ,,	4		1,219	6	4	386	0	4	483	10	4
,, ,,	Henry Summers	1		307	6	3	95	18	9	95	18	9
Beaver, Stage	Richard Gawthorne	2		592	4	1	120	17	4			
,, ,,	,, ,,	3		922	4	3	195	18	6			
,, ,,	,, ,,	2		640	4	4	138	13	4	455	9	2
,, ,,	William Baker	1		301	4	4	65	4	4	65	4	4
Vissers	William Wilkinson	3	1,179		3	0*	176	17	0§			
,,	,, ,,	1	393		3	2*	62	4	6			
,,	,, ,,	1	393		3	4*	65	10	0§	304	11	6
Otters	William Wilkinson	1	104		9	0*	46	16	0	46	16	0
,,	Thomas Burdet	1	104		9	6*	49	8	0	49	8	0
Fox	Henry Durneford	1	40		2	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
Wolf	George Musgrave	1	7		5	8*	1	19	8	1	19	8
Wolverines	Nathaniel Peacock	1	8		4	0*	1	12	0	1	12	0
Musquash	William Pittson	1	88			3½	1	5	8	1	5	8
Cat Skins	Nathaniel Peacock	1	45		5	8	12	15	0	12	15	0
Elk (dressed)	William Wilkinson	1	20		13	2*	13	3	4	13	3	4
Elk (undressed)	Thomas Byfield	1	38	409	1	2½	24	14	2	24	14	2
,, ,,	Thomas Jordan	1		436	1	2¼	25	17	9	25	17	9
										£4,582	2	6
	Less total amount of rebate of 1% allowed for prompt payment (A.15/2, fos. 78d.–83d.)									45	15	10
										£4,536	6	8

§ Error of 3*s.* 4*d.* in original accounts.

* per skin.

× Port Nelson beaver.

November 23, 1683

Att a Committee 23 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

Ordered Onesiphorus Albin pay these persons and Summs following

To Stephen Clinton for bringing up a Canew	£0. 10. –
To Mr. Cradock for Disbursements for the Compa. Use	£1. 14. –
To. Jno. Grant a Deduction[1]	£0. 16. –

Ordered Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward be Desired to Audit Capt. Wm. Bonds Acco. now exhibited and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Ordered if the Searchers att the Custome House Desire the Sight of the Invoyce that came by the *Dilligence* it be Delivered them by the Secrey.

Ordered Mr. Truelock the Compa. Surveyor for Guns Survey all the barrells and pass none but what are good and proofe and Strike a Marke upon the same when Surveyed and afterwards Survey the locks and Stocks when they are finished and Strike a Marke upon the Stocks so Surveyed.

Ordered the Secretary Deliver unto Mr. Rich. Cradock the Genll. Letters from the bottome of the Bay and from Porte Nellson.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 2, and A.1/81, fo. 13, add " from Tho. Taylor ".

Ordered the Secretary make up Edw. and Henry Guns Acct. to their Day of Death and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Adjourned till next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone

November 26, 1683

Att a Committee 26 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Rich. Cradock
Mr. Ger. Weymans
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Jno. Letten
Mr. Nico. Hayward
Sr. Edw. Dering

The Secretary informes the Committee he has Secured a Chest and a Trunck as he is informed by Dr. Ker belongs to Mr. Jennings the Interloper[1] Ordered Sr. James Hayes Mr. Weymans and Mr. Cradock be Desired to inspect into the said Chest and Trunck and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following

To Sr. James Hayes for his Attendance att 55 Committees	£18. 06. 08
To Mr. George Baron for 33 Committees	£11. – –
To Mr. John Cudworth for 7 Committees	£ 2. 06. 08
To Mr. John Letten for 73 Committees	£24. 06. 08
To Sr. Chris. Wren for 39 Committees	£13. – –
To Mr. Ger. Weymans for 76 Committees	£25. 06. 08
To Mr. Wm. Walker for 78 Committees	£26. – –
To Wm. Young Esqr. for 47 Committees	£15. 13. 04

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[1] Alexander Jennings who owned a quarter share in the *Expectation* and acted as supercargo. London, Public Record Office, High Court of Admiralty, 13/79.

Ordered Tho. Cooke and Compa. pay unto Onesiphorus Albin for halfe a yeares Sallery Due 9th Instant £40.

Ordered the Gunsmithes Attend this Committee on Munday next.

Mr. Ger. Weymans haveing now putt in his pretensions on the Governr. and Committee Ordered Sr. Edw. Dering, Mr. Cradock and Mr. Letten or any two of them be Desired to peruse the same and give reporte unto the Committee how they find it and Ordered the Charter Party under Writt by Mr. Weymans and his pretension be Delivered to Mr. Hayward in Order thereto.

Ordered Mr. Edw. West give constant Attendance in the Warehouse untill the Goods that Shall be Sold be Delivered.

The printed Bonds and the Preamble before the Sale were now read and approved of.

Ordered the Secretary give unto Mr. Clarke the Warehouse keeper att the Custome House Mr. Cook the Land Surveyor to each of them two Guynnys and to Mr. South the Landwaiter one Guynny as a reward.

Adjourned untill Wednesday evening after Sale.

November 28, 1683

Att a Committee 28 *Novembr.* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Wm. Young Esqr.
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

The Seales this Day were perused and the Bonds that were Subscribed by every buyer examined and all found right.

Reporte was made of what is found in Mr. Jenings Trunck and Lucas Chest (viz.) 7 papers wch. has relation to the Ladeing of the *Exspectation*[1] an Interloper bound for Hudsons Bay wch. the Secretary has Order to keep Safe.

Ordered that Mr. Nixons 100 vissers Skins and his beavor Coate be Delivered him when he Desires it.

Adjourned untill next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 3 *Decembr.* 1683
Present

December 3, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Sr. James Hayes for the Service of the Company £100.

Ordered Mr. Cradock Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans and Mr. Hayward or any two of them Agree wth. Capt. Bond and Mr. John Outlaw for the next Expedition and give reporte thereof to the next Committee.

Ordered that Edw. Beasely Serveant to the late Capt. Sandford his Wages be made up to the *Albermarles* Arrivall att Port Nellson.[2]

Ordered Mr. Robt. Curtis serve the Compa. the next Expedition with flower, Pease, Oatemeale Bread and Maulte,

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[1] The papers have not been traced. The *Expectation* carried guns, powder, shot, hatchets, knives, woollen cloth, etc. See Appendix A, pp. 264, 270, 273.

[2] I.e., August 27, 1683. See p. 150.

Mr. Samll. Banner wth. hatchetts and Knives and the Subcommittee treate wth. them and Mr. Nico. Kempston be the Iron Monger and Mr. Joseph Stacy, Humphry Pickford John Hartewell and J. Ermindinger Gunsmithes give Attendance on Wednesday next on the Subcommittee.

Ordered the Warehouse Keeper Deliver unto Capt. Wm. Bond all the Furrs and Skins that belongs to him and to Dr. Kerr his Coate of Beavor and a boxe of Castore.[1]

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Edw. Gun for his son Henry Gunn	£31. 12. –
To Ditto for his sonn Edward	£32. 12. 02

Ordered Mr. Cradock be Desired to take in the Goldsmiths Notes as they are Delivered in.

Ordered that Alex. Baines Wages who Deyed in the Compa. Service be made up wth. Samll. Nordon who has taken out letters of Administration beareing Date 22 Novembr. 1683.

Ordered Mr. Raynesford Acco. be examined by the Subcommittee and reporte be given to the Committee.

Ordered Tho. Porkers Wages be made up from the time the *Craven* broke ground att Graves End to the time of the *Albemarles* Departure from Rupert River.[2]

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[1] I.e., castoreum, an oily viscid gland secretion obtained from beavers. It was formerly used medicinally as a stimulant in hysterical affections, but now serves almost exclusively for blending perfumes, usually in the form of an alchoholic extract. As the two small sacs in the groin of the beaver, from which the castoreum is obtained, are called beaver-stones, a correction is necessary to *H.B.S.*, VIII, 147, note 1. Walter Farr, mentioned therein, brought home castoreum and not beaver skins.

[2] A.15/2, fo. 81, December 5, 1683, Porker was paid £30. 3*s.* 4*d.* for wages as mate of the *Craven* from May 29, 1682, to May 26, 1683, so presumably the *Albemarle* left Rupert River on the latter date.

Ordered that Governr. Nixon, Mr. Guyer and Capt. Bond give an Acct. of the *Albemarles* Ladeing.

Adjourned till next Wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Subcommittee 5 December 1683
Present

December
5, 1683

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward

Agreed wth. Mr. Robt. Curtis for flower, Oatemeale, Pease, and Mault, According to the prices following

Flower att	6*s.* p. bushell
Oatemeale att	5*s.* by bushell
Pease att	4*s.* 4*d.* p. bushell
Mault att	3*s.* 2*d.* by bushell

which he is to Deliver on board the Compa. Ships free of all charges any time in the Month of Aprill when the Compa. Desires it as it appeares more att large under his owne hand Dated this Day.

Agreed wth. Mr. Stacy and Pickford for plaine Guns att 24*s.* p. Gunn and fine Guns att 30*s.* by Gun the samples of wch. are Sealed wth. the Compa. Seale wch. are not to have any flaws, cracks, brassed and are to be made of curred[1] Iron, round locks of 3 holes, the Screw Nailes and trickard hardned the stocks not glewed but varnished.

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[1] I.e., tempered so as to stand the intense cold of Hudson Bay. *See H.B.S.*, V, 25, n. 2.

John Hartewell has promissed to make Guns for the Compa. Such as Mr. Stacy and Pickford and att the same rate upon wch. he is entertained as one of the Compa. Gunsmiths.

Ordered Capt. Bonds Wages be made up as Stands in the Compa bookes.

December 5, 1683

A a Committee 5 Decembr. 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Letten
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. John Ermindinger Shall be the person to veiw and Survey the Compa. Guns that are to be made against the next Expedition.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto these persons and Summs following

To the Widdow Sandford in full her husband Capt. Ezbon Sandfords Wages	£34. 00. 10
To Danll. Kingston James Knight Atturney in full for James Knights Wages	£70. – –
To Tho. Porker in full his Wages	£27. 17. 10
To Tho. Coleman as a Gratuety for his good Service att Hudsons Bay as p. Governr. Nixons certificate	£6. – –

Ordered Wm. Taylor be makeing large powder Hornes against the next Expedition att 5*s*. p. Do.

Ordered Sr. Edw. Dering, Mr. Cradock Mr. Weymans Mr. Letten Mr. Walker and Mr. Hayward or any three of them be a Subcommittee and Sett every Morneing or as often as they please who have power to Agree wth. any Tradesmen for any Sorte of Goods that Shall be necessary to be Sent the next Expedition.

Ordered it be left to the care of Mr. Weymans to looke after what Blanketts are necessary for the next Shipping.

Att this Committee Mrs. Hannah Bayley makeing againe her Application for her husbands dues wch. Stands thus in the Bookes

From 12 Septembr. 1677 to the Second of May 1678 are 7$\frac{2}{3}$ Months att £50 p. Ann.	£31. 18. 10
From 2 May 1678 to the 30 August 1679 are 15 mo. and 28 Daies att £200 p. Ann.	£266. 13. 04
Carried Over	£298. 12. 02

Brought over		£298. 12. 02
Paid Mrs. Bayley 5 May 1679	£25. – –	
Paid Mr. Wm. Walker for goods sent Mr. Bayly	£20. 18. –	
Paid Mr. Neh. Walker in the Downes 10 March 1679	£5. – –	
Paid Mr. Bayleys 2 bills from the Downes by Mr. Wm. Walker	£13. 06. 06	
Paid Francis Moseley 2 bills Governr. Bayley charged on the Compa.	£9. 15. –	
	£73. 19. 06	£73. 19. 06

The Ballance Due to her husband Charles Bayley	£224. 12. 08
and in consideration of her husbands Good service this Committee doe Agree to give Mrs. Hannah Bayley as a Gratuety to make up the above Ballance £400	£175. 07. 04
	£400. – –

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mrs. Hannah Bayley in full for her husband Charles Bayles Dues	£224. 12. 08
To Mrs. Han. Bayley more as a Gratuety to make up the Above Summ £400	£175. 07. 04
	£400. – –

Adjourned untill next Fryday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

December 6, 1683

Att a Subcommittee 6 *December* 1683
Present

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans[1]

The Cargoe that is to be provided against the next Shipping for the bottome of the Bay was now redd[2] Ordered the Secretary Draw it out faire and present the Same the next Committee.

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 4d., and A.1/81, fo. 16, William Walker was also present at this meeting.

[2] For the invoices of the cargo actually sent in 1684 see Appendix B, pp. 289–313.

Ordered that there Shall be provided for the bottome of the Bay 300 Gunns whereof 40 are to be of the finest Sorte and 100 Guns for Porte Nellson in all 400

Whereof Mr. Joseph Stacy is to make	200 guns
Mr. Humphry Pickford	125 Ditto
Mr. John Hartewell	75 Ditto
	400 Ditto

Ordered the Secretary give the above Gunsmiths their proportions their bores as it was the last yeare and the lengths According to what is Written for.

Att a Subcommittee 7 *December* 1683
Present

December
7, 1683

Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Walker	Mr. Letten

Ordered Mr. Sam Banner provide 1000 hatchetts for Porte Nellson thus Sorted

500 large
250 Middle
250 Small

Likwise Knives thus sorted

1800 Long Knives large box hartes
900 long Small Knives Ditto
1000 Rochbury[1] large Ditto
500 Ditto Small Ditto
1000 Jack Knives

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[1] In A.6/3, fo. 42d., there is a reference to these knives as " Roach belly'd knives ", a name presumably descriptive of their shape. See *Oxford English Dictionary*.

And have Agreed wth. him for the prices following

large hatchetts	14*d.*
Small Ditto	10*d.*
Middle Ditto	12*d.*
Jack Knives	2½*s.* p. Do.
Rochbury large	2*s.* 8*d.* p. Doz.
Ditto Small	22*d.* p. Do.
Long Knives large	2*s.* 9*d.* p. Do.
Ditto Small	2*s.* 1*d.* p. Do.

a Sample of the Jack Knives was now Delivered him Marked wth. the flower Deluce att one End of the Letters and the harte att the Other End of the Letters wch. are

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December
7, 1683

Att a Committee 7 December 83
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

The Subcommittee of the 6 and 7 instant were now read and Approved of.

Ordered Mr. Samll. Banner put the marke of a Lyon and his owne Name upon the Jack knives.

Mr. Raynesford Desireing to have his Account Adjusted wch. is referred to the Subcommittee to inspect and give Reporte thereof to the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Company pay these persons and Summes following

To Capt. Wm. Bond in full his wages	£29. 17. 3
To James Blamire his Atto. Hen. Blamire[1]	£ 3. 07. 4
To Robt. Charleton his Atto. Eliz. Porker.	£16. 09. 8
To Alex. Bayne to Sam. Norden his Admr.	£ 8. 02. 3

Adjourned till next wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.[2]

Att a Subcommittee 10 *December* 1683

December 10, 1683

Present

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

According to the Order of the grand Committee it was refferred to the Subcommittee to Agree wth. Capt. William Bond Mr. Jno. Outlaw It is the Opinion of this Committee to reffer this business back to the grand Committee againe.

It is the opinion of this Committee that the Coate Beavor now in the Caskes in the Seller be removed into the Warehouse and opened and Lotted out that they may be ready for Sale the first oppertunity.[3]

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[1] According to A.1/81, fo. 16d., Henry Blamire (Blaymier) was the father of James Blamire (Blaymier).

[2] The next Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 10. See p. 174.

[3] I.e., the beaver brought home in 1683. See p. 145.

Mr. Raynesford appeareing before this Committee to have his Acct. made up it is the Opinion of this Committee to Differr the doeing thereof to a longer time.

Danll. Lane[1] being now in Custody att the Compa. Suite in an Action of £500 the heads of the Declaration is refferred to the Secretarys Memorandum booke.[2]

This Committee haveing perused the whole Cargoe that is to be bought for the next expedition have concluded and Assigned Severall persons to buy the Same wch. is left to the consideration of the grand Committee.

Ordered who ever buy goods for the Compa. Shall Signe the Tradesmens bills as to the prices and quantety.

December 10, 1683

Att a Committee 10 *December* 83
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Wm. Young Esqr.
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Walker	

Ordered Mr. Hayward be Desired to goe to Mr. Travers the Atto. to Advice wth. him whither £500 Action more can be laid upon Danll. Lane now in Custody.

Ordered the Secretary buy what Cloth is to be bought and that Sr. Edw. Dering or Mr. Walker be allwaies by when he buys and for what else is to be bought it is againe refferred to the

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[1] Daniel Lane absconded from the Company's service in 1682 to join Richard Lucas in the interloping expedition. For Lane's evidence concerning this voyage see Appendix A, pp. 272–74, and for his biography see Appendix C, pp. 327–29.

[2] This book has not been traced in the Company's archives.

Subcommittee all other things done by the Subcommittee this Day this Committee Approves of.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Mr. Wm. Walker for Disbursements	£7.	15.	6
To Geo. Hunter a Deduction from Samll. Bincks	£3.	12.	6
To. Rich. Jones and his Companions [1] for worke done	£5.	01.	4
To Rich. Gillphin in full his Wages by his Atto. Tho. Gillphin	£4.	09.	6[2]
To Edw. West for 12 mo. Sallery due 18th October	£30.	–	–
To him more for Disbursements.	£4.	15.	5

Ordered [3] Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward be desired to treate with Capt. Bond & Mr. John Outlaw concerning the next expedition and it being resolved they Shall each of them have a £100 by yeare it must be manidged in this manner we are designeing to hire Ships for the expedition and in what Soever quality we think fitt to send them they shall submitt to it and what the wages which the Owners of the Shipps Shall amount unto Shall fall Short of £100 p. ann. Shall be Supplyde by the Compa. at their returne.

Ordered that 2 yeares provisions of flower, oate meale and pease be provided agst. the next epedition in Regard the Natives Shall be Supplyed wth. Some as they have need by way of trade.

Adjourned till Wensday 3 of the Clock in the afternoone.

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[1] In A.1/7, fo. 6, and A.1/81, fo. 17, the word "Toyers" has been inserted after the word "Companions".

[2] A.1/7, fo. 6, and A.1/81, fo. 17, and the Journal A.14/2, fo. 83, give this amount as £4. 9. 5.

[3] From this point, A.1/2, fo. 127d., the writing again changes.

December
11, 1683

att a Subcommittee 11 *December* 1683
Present

Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten

Mr. John Lyons appearing before this Committee who have agreed wth. him for Shott for these Stores [1] Following

Bristow Mould goose	at 14 *li.* p. ton
Duch East India bore Pistoll bore Calliver bore Drop No. 1. plover	at 12 *li.* p. ton

Daniel Kingston appearing before the Committee who have agreed with him for Kettles at 16*d.* p. li. which are not to have any flaws, craks or sodering, and the bands made light as usiall.

what Tradesmen the Subcommitte doe agree with & is allowed of by the grand Committee. It is ordered that then the Secretary give unto the Severall Tradesmen so agreed with the several Quanteties as it Stands in the Cargo booke.

Ordered that John Hartwell Gunsmith have the returned Guns to repaire.

Mr. Hayward did bring hither the last Night after the Committe was adjourned Mr. Travor who thinks it conveniant that Mr. Cradock doe Goe with him to councel which is the Opinion of this Committe that he Assist Mr. Travor this afternoone to Councel about Dun Lane.

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[1] In A.1/7, fo. 128, and A.1/81, fo. 17d., this word is " sortes ".

att a Subcommittee 12 *December* 1683
Present

December
12, 1683

Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Walker

This Committe have agreed with Mr. Geo. Wood for 4 Cables 2 of 7 inches & 2 of 8 inches qts. 90 fadom each at 21½*s*. p. C.

The Agreement to be made wth. Capt. Bond, Mr. John Outlaw & Michel Gryminton is left to the care of Mr. Cradock & Mr. Haward.

Ordered that one years Provissions of all sorts as was the last yeare be bought for the bottom of the Bay the Particulers of which it is ordered the Secretary bring in to morrow and that ¾ part of a yeares provission be provided for Port Nellson for 35 men.

Ordered that the like quantity of Stores as was sent the last yeare to port Nellson be provided agst. the Next expedition.

att a Committee 12 *December* 1683
Present

December
12, 1683

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Cradock
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Waymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward

The Subcommittees of the 11 & 12 present were now red and approved of.

Mr. George Barron sent by Mr. John Letton unto this Committee the Key of the iron chest in the office. Ordered Sr. Edward Dering be desired to take care of the same who accepted of the same.

Ordered that the Coate beaver now in the Seller be lotted out into 200 Skings and Mr. Atkenstall & Josua Spurrier sorte them out by the first oppertunity and Mr. Cradock & Mr. Hayward be desired to agree wth. them for doeing of the same.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Wm. Proctor Att. John Bidle in full for his wayges	£12.	0.	0
To Richard Cooper and the rest of the Porters at the Custome house for worke done	£8.	5.	–

Ordered that Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Byfield bring in their accts. for Sortint the beavor.

Ordered that Mr. Waymans Acct. be audited by the Subcommittee and reporte thereof thereof given to the Grand committee.[1]

Ordered in the future Mr. Tho. Robinson dwelling at the Signe of the Unicorne in the Strand nere the new Exchange [2] shall be the Compa. Apothecary to furnish them wth. medesines for the Bay.

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[1] This entry is the same as in A.1/7, fo. 7, but in A.1/81, fo. 18, it is fuller: "Ordered the Subcommittee be desired to audit Mr. Weymans accte. & give reporte thereof to the Committee and the pretensions of Mr. Weymans were againe read and he was desired to nominate his refferees & the compa. theirs according to a former ord." See pp. 151, 164, 181, 182, 192.

[2] On the south side of the Strand. Strype, *Stow's Survey Of London*, IV, 75–6, "In the Place where certain old Stables stood, belonging to this [Durham] House is the *New Exchange*, being furnished with Shops on both Sides the Walks, both below and above Stairs, for Milleners, Sempstresses, and other Trades that furnish Dresses; and is a Place of Great Resort and Trade for the Nobility and Gentry, and such as have Occasion for such Commodities."

Adjoured till Fryday 3 of the clock in afternoone.[1]

att a Subcommittee 14 *December* 1683
Present

December 14, 1683

Sr. Ed. Dering	Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Walker
Mr. Waymans	Mr. Hayward

The business of agreeing wth. Capt. Bond and Mr. John Outlaw was left to the Care of Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward who reports to this Committee they Have agreed wth. them for £60 p. ann. for 12 m. as by their covenants under their hands dated the 13 December present appeareth which were Delivered at this Board all which this Committee apprved. of.

Sr. Edward Dering and Mr. Walker reports that yesterday they Bought 20 N. L. white Clothes 10 of which were marked S. B. Silver : marke at £56 by pack and 10 at £55 by Pack R.C. red Mark.[2]

Mr. Sam. Austin appeering before this Committee to serve them with twine, lines for netts & beavor and this Committe Doe agree with him for twine at 14*d.* by reele each reele wt. 1 li. the lines for netts 30 fadom at 6*d.* p. line, lines for beavor 15 yds. at 4*d.* all which are to be made Ryga ryne hempe.[3]

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[1] The next Committee meeting was on Saturday, December 15. See p. 180.

[2] In A.1/7, fo. 7d., this entry is the same. In A.1/81, fo. 18d., the entry reads as follows : " Sr. Ed. Dering & Mr. Walker reports that yesday they bought 20 N.L. pack Clothes wh. is approved 10 Clothes at £56 CB Silver & 10 at £55 p. pack RC. red cloth."

[3] *Oxford English Dictionary*, " Rhine . . . ' clean hemp ' . . . The name of a fine quality of Russian hemp. Usually *Riga rhine* (*hemp*)."

This Committe have agreed with Mr. Nicholas Kempston Ironmonger for Iron wares at the same rate he formerly served the Compa.

Daniel Kingston brassier haveing viewed the returned Kettles who is willing to give for them as they are with their bands on 8*d*. p. li. which this Committe are Contented therewith.

December 15, 1683

att a Committee 15 *December* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Waymans	Mr. John Letten

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and summs following

To Capt. Wm Bond as halfe of Capt. Abrahams gratuety bringing home the *Geo.* Ketch as by Charter party betwene the Compa. and Mr. Gerrard Waymans	£20.	–	–
To John Outlaw on acct. of his wages	£10.	–	–
To Richard Scott in part for 20. N. L. wte. Clothes	£100.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Elizabeth Chillinworth on acco. of her husband John Chillinworthes wages	£5.	–	–
To Mr. Wm. Wilkinson and Mr. Jarvis Byfield for sorting of beaver	£38.	3.	–

Ordered Mr. John Freeman and Mr. Peter Hudson provide the powder for the next expedition to each an equall Share.

Ordered the lott of beavor bought by Mr. Waymans on the 28 November last be Delivered him as in parte payment on accte. of Fraight of the *Geo.* Ketch to and from Port Nellson.

Ordered the Secretary looke over the bookes and give an acct. agst. the next Committe what remains of Merchantdise and provisions are at Hudsons Bay and what is yearly Traded & consumed.[1]

att a Committee 18 *December* 1683
Present

December
18, 1683

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock	Mr. John Letten [2]
Mr. Waymans	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs Following as

To Mr. Francis Raynesford in farther part payment of Fraight of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay	£300.	–	–
To Mary Winter for Cuthbert Winters wages	£9.	11.	7
To An Austin for Wm. Austins wages	£3.	16.	4
To Jeremiah Gryffeth and Rich. Clay for Worke done	£11.	18.	4

Capt. Wm. Bond and Mr. John Outlaw being agreed for £60 p. ann. each it is now agreed that they Shall have a gratuety each of them of £40 p. ann. more upon their returne home if the Company receive a Good Character of their Good Services and Shall finde they shall Deserve such gratueties.

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[1] A.1/81, fo. 19, contains the following additional entry: "adjourned untill tuesday morneing 10 of the clock".

[2] According to A.1/7, fo. 8 and A.1/81, fo. 19, Nicholas Hayward was also present at this meeting.

Adjourned unto Wensday after 12 day[1] if occation Soner the Secretary is to Sommon the Committee.

December 18, 1683

att a Subcommittee 18 *December* 1683
Present

Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	Mr. Waymans

Mr. Gerrard Waymans account being now Brought before this Committee the ballance of which amo. £105. 0. 2*d.* which is to be respited in the Compa. hands because he insiste upon further demands.[2]

Ordered the Secretary bring before the Subcommitte to morow an acct. of what provissions are necesary for the Bay & Port Nellson.

December 19, 1683

att a Subcommittee 19 *December* 1683
Present

Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	Mr. Waymans

Mr. Cradock reporting to this Committee he has agreed with Michel Gryminton for 3 yeares at £40 by yeare to commence at his Breaking Ground at Graves end (which this Committee approves of) as by Michel Grimington entring into Covenants this day with the Compa. under his hand and Seale appereth.

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[1] I.e., Twelfth Day, or Sunday, January 6, 1684.

[2] See p. 192.

The Cargo for the next expedition for Albany River[1] was viewed to letter P. as to the quantety as Shall be Sent and to morow the Subcommittee doe purpose to finish the whole Cargo.[2]

att a Subcommittee 20 *December* 1683
Present

December
20, 1683

Sr. Edw. Dering
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

The Committee haveing now agreed upon the Cargo as Shall be sent to the bottome of the bay and Port Nellson and to morow it is resolved what quantety of Provissions Shall be bought.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Michel Grimington 2 m. wages from 27 August to his arrivall at Port Nellson to 27 October last to his arrival in the Thames at 45*s*. p. mo. £4. 10. –

Adjourned till to Morrow at ten of the Clock.

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[1] See p. 101, n. 1.

[2] A.1/81, fo. 19d., contains the following additional entry: "Adjourned until tomorrow at 10 of the Clock".

December 21, 1683

att a Subcommittee 21 *December* 1683
Present

Sr. Edward Dering	Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Walker	

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and compa. pay unto Christopher Cheesman 2 m. wages as carpenter in *Albemarle* from 27 August to the 27 October Last past at 43*s*. p. mo. £4. 10. –

The provissions for the bottome of the Bay and Port Nellson were read before this Committee and approved of Ordered the Secretary draw it out faire and bring it before the next Committee.

Ordered the Secretary bring to the next Subcommittee an Acct. of Stores that Shall be sent the next Shipping.

Adjourned till Wensday after 12 Day if occation sooner the Secretary has Order to Summon a Committee.[1]

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[1] I.e., to Wednesday, January 9, 1684 (N.S.).

Att a Committe 2 *Janury.* 1683
Present

N.S.
January 2,
1684

Sr. Edw. Dering
Mr. Letten
Mr. Waymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Mr. Travers and others desireing to have a coppy of the Companies Pattent Ordered that he and others that desire it Shall have it. The Coppey of Which Pattent in the booke of Orders [1] was now Read and Compared with the Originall by this Committee.

Ordered that Wm. Bonds, and John Outlaws and Michel Grimintons covenants betweene them and the Compa. and Mrs. Hannah Baylies Discharge to the Compa. be put up into the iron Chest which is this day accordingly done.

Adjourned untill next Wensday at 3 of the Clock in the afternoone.

Att a Committee the 7 *of January* 1863 [2]
Present

N.S.
January 7,
1684

Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Hayward [3]

Captaine Nehe. Walker acquainteing the Committee that he was Arrested the last Satturday att the Suite of Mr. Jennings the Interloper in an Action of £40 in refferrence to his Chest of Clothes as allso in an another Action att the Same Jennes Suite for false Imprisonment and Detention etc. for a Summ not yet knowne Ordered that Mr. John Letten and Mr. Nico. Hayward be Desired to bayle him in these 2 Actions and the Committee on the behalfe of the Compa. doe ingage the Stock to bare them harmeless and to that Effect doe promiss to Deliver them a Covenant under their common Seale Ordered Mr. Travers the Atturney be Ordered to take care to Defend these 2 Actions on behalfe of the Company.

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[1] The " booke of Orders " containing a copy of the charter of May 2, 1670, has not been found in the Company's archives. *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, Charles II*, 1683–84, January 2, 1684, " Copy of the charter of the Hudson's Bay Company dated 2 May, 1670, attested as examined that day and found to be a true copy by Sir Edward Dering and others."

[2] There is another change in the writing at this point.

[3] According to A.1/7, fo. 9d., and A.1/81, fo. 20d., " Mr. Walker " was also present at the meeting.

Ordered Sr. Edw. Dering, Mr. Letten Mr. Cradock and Mr. Hayward or any 3 of them be Desired to Draw up a charge agst. Capt. Walker who are to present the Same to the Subcommittee and be made ready agst. the Depty. Governr. comes to towne.

Adjourned unto Fryday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

N.S.
January 9,
1684

Att a Committee[1] 9 *January* 1683
Present

Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

At this Committee was read the Stores of the bottome of the Bay Ordered the Secritary coppy it out faire in the Cargoe book[2] and the Stores for Porte Nellson for the next Expedition the like quantety shall be provided as was the last Shipping and more to be Added as a Smithes bellows 2 cast Anvalls and Smiths Hammers.

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 9d., and A.1/81, fo. 20d., this was a meeting of the Subcommittee.

[2] This has not been found in the Company's archives. See also p. 194. The only records of the cargoes for this year are to be found in A.24/1, the "Invoice Book begun 1684". See Appendix B, pp. 289–313.

Ordered the Secretary Deliver to Sr. Edwd. Dering the Gennerall and private letters that came from the bottome of the Bay and Porte Nellson as allso the Carter Party Signed by Mr. Raynesford and Capt. Walker that he may the better Judge of the Complainte agst. Capt. Walker.

Adjourned till next Fryday.

N.S.
January 11,
1684

Att a Committee 11 *January* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edw. Dering	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

Ordered that the Old Coate Beavor in the warehouse qts. 7400 Skins[1] be mixt in proportion as can be wth. the new

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[1] This amount cannot be fully accounted for unless there were either some skins remaining from 1681 in the warehouse, or else some aboard the *Friendship* or the *Lucy*, which also returned from Hudson Bay in 1682 (see p. 34). From the information available the total number of coat beaver was as follows:

Coat Beaver from *Diligence* (1682)	= 10,355 skins	(see p. 26, n. 1)
less amount sold November 15, 1682	= 3,200 skins	(see p. 47, n. 1)
	7,155 skins	
remaining after sale of March 14, 1683	= 7,155 skins	(see p. 78, n. 1)
less amount sold November, 28 1683	= 200 skins	(see p. 160, n. 3)
	6,955 skins	
plus Coat Beaver from Port Nelson (1683)	= 120 skins	(see p. 145, n. 1)
plus Coat Beaver from *Diligence* (1683)	= 10,903 skins	(see p. 145, n. 2)
	17,978 skins	

Cf. this total with that on p. 215.

beavor that came home in the *Dilligence* and each Lott to containe 200 Skins and care to be taken that the Bay and Porte Nellson beavor[1] be kept aparte and Distinkt.

Capt. Walker informes the Committee that he was arrested yesterday att Mr. Royland Platts Suite in an Action of £500. Ordered Mr. John Letten and Mr. Nico. Hayward be Desired to bale him in this Action and the Committee on the behalfe of the Compa. doe ingage the Compa. Stock to bare them harmless and to that effect Doe promiss them to Deliver them a Covenant under the common Seale.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. pay unto Abraham Willmott for 3 times Attendance att the Candle att 3 publick Sales	£4. 6. –

Ordered that the Day of Sale for the Coate Beavor now in the warehouse Shall be on the 27th Day of February next Ordered that publick notice thereof be given upon the Exchange wth. all expedition by the Secretary in that forme and method as the Compa. useth to Doe.

Adjourned untill next Munday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] See p. 95, notes 1 and 2.

Att a Committee 14 *January* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Wm. Young Esqr.	N.S.
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Cradock	January 14,
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Hayward	1684

The Committee haveing taken into consideration the Severll. Letters that came from Governr. Sergeant & others and of the ill and evill carridg of Capt. Nehe. Walker to Governr. Sergent and his family in their passage to Hudsons Bay Ordered that Capt. Nehe. Walker for that reason Shall not in the future be imployed in the Compa. Service.

Mr. John Letten goeing away without leave of the Depty. Governr. It is Ordered that he Shall not have any Committee Mony for this Committee and Ordered that in the future that who ever goes out of the Committee without leave of the Depty. Governr. according to the Committes former Declaration Shall loose his Committee Mony and this to remaine a Standing Order.

Ordered the Secretary bring to the next Committee an Account of the Tonnage both for the bottome of the Bay and Porte Nellson.

Henry Crouch of London Fishmonger is now entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares at £6 p. yeare his wages to commence att his Arrivall in the Bay This person is presented by John Robinson Fishmonger in Lothbury.

The Commissioners at the Custome House desireing to know the reasons wch. they Should Allow the withdraw back upon Tobacco Sr. James Hayes the Depty. Gover. haveing Drawne out the Reasons in writeing[1] which were now read and approved of Ordered the Secretary draw them out faire and present them to the Commissioners.

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[1] No trace of these " Reasons " has been found.

Sr. James Hayes haveing Delivered into this Committee a coppy of the petition upon the notice of the French Invasion[1] of Porte Nellson as allso a coppy of the memoriall[2] that was sent from his Majesty thereupon to the French King as allso coppys of Affidavitts[1] to prove the fact Ordered they be all entred in the Compa. bookes of Forreigne letters.[2]

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[1] Radisson's and Groseilliers' expedition of 1682 to Port Nelson. A.6/1, fo. 42–42d., November[14], 1683, "To the Kings most Excellent Majesty The humble petition of the Governour & Company of Adventurers of England trading to Hudsons Bay". Radisson and Groseilliers were not mentioned by name in this petition. See also P.R.O., C.O. 1/66, No. 120, and ibid., No. 123, Sir James Hayes to Sir John Werden [Secretary to the Duke of York], Great Tew, Oxfordshire, December 27, 1683, "By the coppy of the memoriall... which I left in yor. hands ... you will have been sufficiently enformed of the Insolent invasion lately made upon us by the French from Canada ... *my opinion is that nothing can more conduce to our Preservation at this tyme then to get his Maties. orders to my Ld. Preston Instantly to presse the French King to cause Exemplary Justice to be done upon the sayd Radisson* ... if refused there needs no other proofe of the Intentions of that Crowne towards us, And if his Royll. Highnes who is our Governor and great Protector will be graciously pleased to make his Matie. sensible of our Imminent dangers from thence, I am in confident hopes we may at this Juncture be rescued out of the Jawes of the French Leviathan."

[2] A.6/1, fos. 95d.–96, "a true Coppy of the First memoriall presented to the most Christian King [Louis XIV] by my Lord Preston at Versailles the 11th January 1684" [January 1, English style]. This copy was apparently made in 1687 as it follows the correspondence of that year and immediately precedes the memorials presented in that year. See also *Seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Part I. Report and Appendix* (London, 1879), pp. 295, 332, Viscount Preston (Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of France) to Sir Leoline Jenkins (Secretary of State), Paris, January 19 [January 9, English style], 1684, stating that the French King had referred the matter to Monsieur de Seignelay. "I find the great support of Monsr. de la Barre, the present Governor of Canada, is from the Jesuits in this Court, which order has always a great number of missionaries in that country, who besides the conversion of the infidels have had the address to engross the whole castor trade ... Raditon (concerning whom you were pleased by your last to transmit to me his Majesty's commands ...) arrived about the time you mentioned at Rochelle upon a French frigate, and hath been in Paris these 5 days. There came on shore at the same time, from on board of a merchant man, one Des Guzelieres ... who accompanied the other in his action [on Port Nelson in 1682] ... They are both dispatched from Monsr. de la Barre with instructions for his and their own defence ..." Like the petition (n. 1), the "First memoriall" does not refer to Radisson by name. Following the petition referred to in note 1 above, there is entered in A.6/1, fo. 43–43d., under December 12, 1683, in French, "The Coppy of a Memoriall to the French Ambassador presented by Sir Leolin Jenkins Knt. Secretary of State". See also P.R.O., C.O. 1/66, No. 124 and C.O. 389/8, pp. 284–86.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evence and Compa. pay unto Ann Crockley Atto. of John Thomas in full his wages to the 15 Septembr. last £30. 14. 4.

Ordered the Coate Beavor now in the warehouse wch. the

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 41—41d., November 14, 1683, Deposition of "John Calvert, Robert Breeden, Richard Phinns, Richard Sally, Thomas Carey, John Thorpe, & Thomas Golburne, Saylers and Servants of the Hudsons Bay Company"; and "John Outlawes Affidavit concerning the French Insult from Canada [December 4, 1683]". See P.R.O., C.O., 1/66, Nos. 117 and 118 for the original and duplicate of the first deposition, and ibid., No. 122, for Outlaw's affidavit. Ibid., No. 119, November 14, 1683, is a deposition by Outlaw stating that the Frenchmen concerned in the outrage at Port Nelson in 1682 acted "by the order of the King of France". Ibid., No. 121, is similar to No. 122. Two further affidavits on the events at Port Nelson in 1682 are to be found in P.R.O., C.O. 134/1, pp. 209, 213–14. One is by Philip Bayley, surgeon of the *Prince Rupert*, dated June 9, 1687, and the other is by John Calvert dated June 10, 1687.

[2] A.6/1, fo. 96d., shows that another memorial was "Presented at Versailles on Teusday the 25th of Janry. 1684" (i.e., January 15, English style), by Lord Preston. This copy is in English. The copy in French in P.R.O., C.O., 1/66, No. 128, was sent to England "by the pacquet of Jan. 26/16", and was "Recd. Feb. 9 83/4" (English style). Radisson, who had arrived at La Rochelle since the presentation of the petition on January 11/1, 1684, was named as the "Head and Leader of the enterprize of the French Inhabitants of Canada when they Comitted the Vyolences in the habitations of his Maties. Subjects", and the French King was requested to punish him as "hee deserves". Hayes' remarks on this memorial, dated January 26, 1684, are in P.R.O., C.O., 1/66, No. 129. See also *Hist. Man. Com.*, *Seventh Report*, pp. 295–6, Preston to Jenkins, Paris, January 26 (January 16, English style), 1684, stating that the memorial demanding justice against Radisson had been delivered to M. de Seignelay. The French King would not reply to the first memorial until he had heard the Governor of Canada's version of the trouble at Port Nelson in 1682. Lord Preston presented yet a third memorial to the French King in March or April, 1684, demanding "an answere and resolution upon the precedent memorially presented in the name of his Matie. about the businesse of Hudsons Bay". A copy is in A.6/1, fos. 96d.–97. *Hist. Man. Com.*, *Seventh Report*, p. 301, Preston to Jenkins, Paris, April 19 (April 9, English style), 1684, stating that the French King still declined to act until he had heard from the Governor of Canada. See also, Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 198–211.

Company Doe purpose to exspose to Sale the 27th February next Shall be sett up att 8*s.* p. li. wch. Shall be published as allso how the Lotts be sorted (vizt.) 200 Skins in a Lott of which 80 are of old coate and 120 new and the ticketts of the Lotts and prices be printed accordingly with all exspedition.

Adjourned untill next wednesday att 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

N.S.
January 16, 1684

Att a Committee 16 *January* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Sr. Edwd. Dering

According to the order of the last Committee the Secretary brought in an Account of the Tonnage necessary both for the bottome of the Bay and Porte Nellson (vizt.) 64 Tunns for the bottome of the Bay and 53 Tonns for Porte Nellson Ordered that 2 Ships not exceeding 80 Tonns be hired for Porte Nellson and for the bottome of the Bay one Ship not exceeding 100 Tons.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens & Compa. pay these persons and Summes following

To. Capt. John Outlaw on Acco. of wages	£5.	–	–
To Micaell Grimington on Acct. of wages	£5.	–	–
To Gerr. Weymans in full for fraight of the *Geo.* Ketch to and from Hudsons Bay	£105.	–	2

Ordered the Secretary peruse Governr. John Nixons Acct. and give reporte thereof agst. the next Committee and bring in the *Albemarle* ladeing and what was wanteing in her.

Ordered the Secretary cause to be printed forthwith Ticketts of the Sale on the 27 February next with the No. of Skins and how they be sett up.

Adjourned till Fryday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att a Committee 18 *January* 1683
Present

N.S. January 18, 1684

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans	Sr. Edw. Dering

Sr. James Hayes is Desired to be at the Custome House to attend upon the Commissioners there upon Munday next about the withdraw back upon Tobacco.

Mr. John Letten Mr. Nico. Hayward att the request of the Company haveing been bale att the Poultry Compt.[1] for Capt. Nehe. Walker in two Severall Actions one of Mr. Alex. Jennings and the other of Mr. Rouland Platts the covenants from the Compa. for their Indemnity were now read and approved of as allso a Covenant to save Mr. George Baron and Mr. Wm. Walker harmeless in an Action of £3000 att the Suite of Charles Boone John Devall and others in the Courte of Admiralty[2] which Severall covenants were Ordered to be Sealed and Signed by the Secretary in these words

By Order of the Deputy Governr. and
Committee
Onesiphorus Albin Secretary

which was Accordingly Done.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 38*n*. The actions against Walker were to come before the Sheriff's Court. See p. 163.

[2] M. S. Giuseppi, *A Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the Public Record Office* (London, 1923), I, 283, "The High Court of Admiralty, though not a Court of Record, had jurisdiction where the Common Law could give no remedy, and took cognizance of all maritime causes or causes arising wholly upon the sea." See Introduction, pp. xx–xxi.

Ordered the Secretary acquante Mr. Thomas Cook and Compa. that they should give the Compa. an Acct. wth. Intrest agst. the next Committee Day of what mony they have lent the Company.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Rich. Scott in full for 20 N.L. wte. Clothes	£11.
To Onesiphorus Albin for pipes, tobacco & beere in full to the 21 Novembr. last as for 98 Committees in the yeare 1682 and 78 Committees in the yeare 1683 in all 176 Committees att 12*d*. p. Committees [1]	

The whole Cargoe for Merchandises, Provissions and Stores for the next expedition were now read and approved of and allso the Severall persons who are to buy the same exsprest in the Margent of the Cargoe book signed by the Subcommittee whereupon it is Ordered the Secretary Draw out the same for the Severall buyers and Deliver them to the respective persons appointed thereunto.

Ordered Mr. Weyman be Desired to write to his correspondents in Rochell to know what Coate beavor the man of warr that came from Canada brought whither the Canada Fleet belonging to that Compa. be Arrived and if they are what quantety of beavor and furrs and Species they have brought.[2]

Adjourned untill wednesday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 11d., and A.1/81, fo. 22d., have the correct amount of £8 16*s*. 0*d*. filled in. Cf. " List of Meetings " on pp. xi–xvi and in *H.B.S.*, VIII, xi–xvi.

[2] See Introduction, p. xxxix.

Att a Committee 23 *January* 1683
Present

N.S.
January 23,
1684

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker

Mr. Thomas Phipps[1] acquainteing the Committee by his letter of this Dayes Date that he has Severall bills upon the Compa. Dated in Charleton Island Drawne upon these persons following

John Kerr one bill amo. to	£14.	–	–
John Funter one bill amo. to	£–	19.	–
Bennit Smith one bill amo. to	£4.	10.	–
John Shaw one bill amo. to	£3.	–	–

which he Affirmes is Deducted out of the wages of those Severall Persons Ordered the Secretary peruse the above charge and informe the Committee the next meeting how it stands.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Mr. John Nixon on Acct. of his Sallery £200.

a letter from Capt. Neh. Walker Directed to Sr. James Hayes Dated the 19 January instant was now read amongst other things he Desires some reward to be given him for his good Services in bringing home the last Cargo from Hudsons Bay. Ordered that Capt. Nehemiah Walker or his Owner Mr. Fran. Raynesford Shall not be paid any more mony on Acct. of Fraight or as a gratuety untill the Severall Suites commenced agst. the Compa. concerneing the takeing of the Interloper be Decided.

Adjourned till Fryday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] See p. 196.

N.S.
February 1,
1684

Att a Committee 1 *February* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr. John Letten
Mr. Rich. Cradock
Mr. Wm. Walker
Mr. Nico. Hayward
Mr. Ger. Weymans

Sr. Edwd. Dering acquaintes the Committe he has Delivered over to the Secretary all the publick and private Letters that came from Hudsons Bay the last Shiping and the Carter Party Signed by Mr. Raynesford and Capt. Walker which the Secretary doth acknowlidg the Receipt of them.

Ordered Mr. Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Mary Abraham John Abrahams atto. in full as a Gratuety by Carter Party as Capt. of the *Geo.* Ketch to Porte Nellson	£10. – –
To Thomas Phipps for Severall Bills Drawne upon the Compa. payable to Tho. Phipps ware house keeper in the Bay who indorced them payable to Tho. Phipps here wch. was Deducted out of the wages of thes severall person foll. John Ker £14, John Funter 19*s*. John Law £3 and Bennet Smith £4. 10 in all £22. 9. –	£22. 9. –

To Isack Reed a Deduction from Tho. Curtis £2.

Upon Mr. Raynesfords application to this Committee for more money on Acct. of fraight of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay Ordered the Secretary State his Acco. and give reporte thereof the next Comittee and that noe more money be paid him untill it does appeare how farr the Actions that have been brought agst. Capt. Walker may effect the Compa.

Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward reporte to this Commite they have been bale above before a Judg to the 2 Actions brought by Alexander Jennings and as to the Action of £500 of Rowland Platt to wch. they are likewise bale Mr. Travers the Attorney is Ordered that when the Declaration is Delivered the Same Action be removed from the Sheriffs Court into the Kings Bench and there Defended.

Ordered if the Secretary should at any time be Arrested for Signing Capt. Nehe. Walkers Instructions for his last expedition to Hudsons Bay that Mr. Weymans and Mr. Hayward be Desired to bale him here below and if it be removed above Sr. James Hayes and Sr. Edwd. Dering be Desired to bale him above.

Adjourned untill wednesday next at 3 of the Clock in the [sic]

Att a Committee 6 *February* 1683
Present

N.S.
February 6,
1684

Sr. Jam. Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Sarah Sandford by petition humbly prayed for some releife by reason her husband lost his life in the Compa. Service Ordered She shall be releived wth. £3. 10.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Sarah Sandford on Acco. of Charity	£3. 10. –
To Onesiphorus Albin for Disbursements for the Compa. use	£10. – –

whereas the Sale of the Coate beavor now in the ware house was appointed on the 27th Instant february Ordered that the

Sale be Adjourned to the 12 March next and the Secretary give notice thereof to morrow upon the Exchange.[1]

The perticulers of the Coate Beavor now in the ware house qts. 96 lotts were read Ordered that 20 quire there of be printed forthwith & Dispersed and allso the bonds in the usuall forme from the first 50 Lotts to be paid to Mr. Tho. Cook and Compa. & the remainder to Stephen Evens & Compa.

a letter Directed to Sr. Edwd. Dering Dated 4 instant from Cpt. Walker was read importeing his great Submission to the Committee and craveing their favor Ordered the same be took into consideration at some other convenient tyme.

Adjourned till wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] A.1/81, fo. 24, contains the entry in the following form: "whereas the sale of the Coate Beavor now in the warehouse was apointed on the 27th instant ~~by reason of the great frosst that there cold not be any advice from France & Holland It is now O abt. the want of Forreine pktts~~. Ordered that the sale ~~for selling of the beaver be be put of & differred~~ be adjourned to the 12th March next comeing ~~by reason~~ & the Secretary give notice thereof upon the exchange tomorrow." The winter of 1683–84 was a very severe one. The Thames was frozen on December 23 and on January 9 John Evelyn crossed on the ice which had become "so thick as to bear not only streets of booths, in which they roasted meat . . . but coaches, carts and horses passed over . . ." On January 24 he remarked, "Nor was this severe weather much less intense in most parts of Europe . . .", and on February 10, "After eight weeks missing the foreign posts, there came abundance of intelligence from abroad." (See A. Dobson (ed.), *The Diary of John Evelyn* (London, 1906), III, 122).

N.S.
February 13,
1684

Att a Committee 13 *February* 83
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. John Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay these persons and Summs following

To Rich. Scott in parte for 30 N.L. wt. Clothes	£160.	–	–
To Rich. Mathews for 2 long red Clothes	£19.	–	–
To Wm. Fry and Compa. for 6 long ells[1]	£10.	16.	–

A petition was now read from Danll. Lane (now Prisoner in the poultry Counter at the Compa. Suite in an Action of £3000) importeing his misserable and low condition humbly praying the Compa. would be pleased to release him and then he will Ingeniously confess all matters relateing to his last voyage to Hudsons Bay in the Interloper Ordered that Mr. Traverse the Compa. Attorny and the Secretary goe to him in prison and Search and enquire of him about that Affaire and give reporte thereof to the Committee.

Adjourned untill next Tuesday in the Afternoon at 3 of the Clock.[2]

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[1] A.15/2, fos. 86, 100d., and A.14/4, fo. 166, February 13 and April 18, 1684, " Serges Drs. to Wm. Fry & Compa. £10: 16: – bought of him 6 long ell serges for Lynnigs for the present coates."

[2] This adjournment is also given in A.1/7, fo. 13d., but in A.1/81, fo. 24d., it is given as " next Friday . . . ", i.e., February 15.

N.S.
February
15, 1684

Att a Committee 15 February 83
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Mr. Raynesford owner of the *Dilligence* and Capt. Neh. Walker appeareing before this Committee to have their Accts. Adjusted their Accts. was now read over but the consideration thereof was refferred to some other time as allso a petition from Capt. Nehe. Walker.[1]

Mr. Traverse reporting that he and the Secretary have been in the Counter wth. Danll. Lane who hath made a large confession of his late voyage to Hudsons Bay and given the same in writeing under his hand wch. confession was now read the said Lane still humbly requesting to be released of his Imprissonment Ordered that Sr. James Hayes and Mr. Wm. Young be Desired to goe to Councell to morrow to consider how far the Compa. may goe safely in releasing of him.

Ordered that Mr. Tho. Curtis Acco. be looked over and an Acct. given thereof the next Committee.

Adjourned untill to morrow att 11 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] See pp. 198, 200. According to A.1/81, fo. 24d., Walker's petition was "importing his necessatous condition desireing the Committee would be pleased to give him a gratuety". His petition has not been found in the Company's archives.

Att a Committee 16 *February* 1683
Present

N.S.
February
16, 1684

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Hayward

Sr. Jam. Hayes and Mr. Wm. Young make reporte they have been this morneing wth. Mr. Pollexfeild[1] the Counsellor aboute the release of Danll. Lane and about the Interloper for wch. the Committee Doe give them thanks.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Onesiphorus Albin for Disbursements £10.

Sr. James Hayes acquaints the Committee his Occasions calls him into the Countrey for 14 daies Sr. Edwd. Dering to Supply the chaire in his Absence.

Adjourned till next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] In A.1/7, fo. 14, this name is given as "Pollexfen"; it is omitted from A.1/81, fo. 25. See p. 112, n. 3.

N.S.
February
20, 1684

Att a Committee 20 *February* 83
Present

Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

Rich. Lucas Mariner humbly requested to be Admitted into the Compa. Service the Question was Asked him by this Committee whither he was free from all others he Answered he was free from all others upon wch. the Comittee Demanded it under his hand wch. he gave it and ingaged under his hand and Seale to serve the Compa. for any time not exceeding 3 yeares at £5 p. month his wages to begin at his breaking ground at Graves end as may appeare at large in the Articles made between him and the Compa. and signed and Sealed by the sd. Lucas and likewise he promiseth to give the Compa. his bond of £1000 to performe Articles.

The Committee have now Agreed with Mr. John wells for wusted lace at 9*s*. p. Gross in such cullers as the Compa. Shall Direct.

Danll. Lane upon his humble petition to the Compa. to be Discharged of his present Imprisonment in which he Acknowlidges his great Offences wch. this Committee takeing his misserable and poor condition into consideration and to prevent his utter ruin Ordered Mr. Travers sett him at liberty.

Ordered the Secretary give unto Mr. Tho. Robinson the Compa. Apothecary an Acco. of what Medicines are necessary for the severall factories in Hudsons Bay.

Ordered Mr. Hawkins the butcher Attend the Committee 3 weeks hence.

James Swan David Cleney John Crooks of Prestonpones[1] in Scotland are upon their humble request and Mr. Vernons recommendation entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 yeares the first yeare at £6 the Second yeare at £8 the third yeare at £10 and the 4 ye. at £12 their wages to commence at their Arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evens and Compa. pay unto Capt. Rich. Cotton Tho. Curtis Attorney on Acct. of his wages £22. 14. 10.

Danll. Lane Marriner humbley requested to be Admitted into the Compa. Service the Question was Asked him whither he was free from all othrs. he Answered he was free upon which the Committee Demanded it under his hand which he gave and ingaged to serve the Compa. for any time not exceeding 3 yeares at £30 p. Ann. his wages to commence at his breaking ground at Graves end.

Ordered at the next Committee it be tooke into consideration the matter of our Serveants for the Severall Factories.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Stephen Carrington for one gross of Lace at 9*s*. p. gross.

Adjourned untill next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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[1] I.e., Prestonpans in the north west corner of East Lothian.

N.S.
February
27, 1684

Att a Committee 27 *February* 1683
Present

Sr. Jam. Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Letten

Ordered that the confessions of Richd. Lucas, Danll. Lane and Rich. Aston[1] aboute goeing in the Interlopeing Designe as allso a Coppy of Rich. Lucas Sayleing Orders be Delivered unto Mr. George Gost[2] the Compa. Sollicitor.

Ordered[3] that a Bricklayer be Sent for the Bottom of the Bay According to Governor Sergeants Desire.

Ordered that their Shall be two Settlemens made at Port Nelson One in the north river and the other in the South river,[4] and 31 Servants to be sent their to make up 40 in the whole, with 9 of the Covenant Servants that are there now, whereof, 1 Chyrurgeon, 2 Carpenters, 1 Smith, 1 Armorer, 1 Taylor, & 2 Bricklayers be of the number.

Mr. Evans Presents his Shipp called the *happy returne* to the Committee Ordered that Mr. Cradock Mr. Weymans Mr. Letten & Mr. Hayward or any two of them be Desired to

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[1] These confessions have, so far, not been traced. Presumably that made by Lucas was similar to the deposition made by him on March 11, 1684, see P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/79. Lane's deposition dated March 12, 1684, is printed in Appendix A, pp. 272–74.

[2] A.1/7, fo. 15, and A.1/81, fo. 26, give this name as "Gorst". The version of the above order in the latter Minutes book also contains the remark, crossed through, that the sailing orders were from "Mr. Chas. Boone".

[3] The writing again changes at this point.

[4] I.e., one on Nelson River and one on Hayes River.

Agree with him for the same, Likewise to treat with any others for what Shipps the Company Shall have Occation for.

Ordered that Mr. Cradock, Mr. Letten & Mr. Hayward, be Desired to buy 2 Greenland Shalloops, So large as such as was built by Robt. Spencer and that was sent to Port Nellson in the *Prince Rupert.*[1]

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. Pay unto Francis Mosley for worke done and to be done £20. 0. 0.

Adjourned untill Monday 3 of the Clock in the affternoone.

Att a Committee 3 *March* 1683
Present

N.S.
March 3,
1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esqr.	Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten	

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay unto Mr. Richard Scott in Part for 20 n.L. wt. Clothes £100.

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[1] See *H.B.S.*, VIII, p. 186, n. 1. A.15/2, fo. 98, April 18, 1684, " Stores for Port Nellson Drs. to Robt. Spencer £27: 10: – Bought of him 2 Greenland shallops each 25 foote Long at 11/– p. foote ". A.6/1, fos. 44d.–45, Deputy Governor and Committee to John Abraham, May 14, 1684, " . . . By the two shipps which we now dispatch towards you (vizt.) the *Happy Returne* Capt. Wm. Bond Commander and the *Lucey* Capt. John Outlaw Commander we *send you two new Greenland Shallops, furnished with two shutes* of sayles *&* 12 *oares each, these we Judge are the fittest boates to make discoveries* & doubt not of their usefullness to you."

Charles Newton of London is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £6, 8, 10, 12, his wages to commence at his arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Thomas Taylor of Londer Sayer is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 Years at £6, 8, 10, 12 his wages to commence at his arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Ordered the warehouse keeper Deliver unto Mr. George Guyer, a caske of Moose hoofe, now in the warehouse, which he brought home the last Shipping & all.

Ordered the Secretary pay unto Danel Lane upon acct. of his wages 5/- a weeke.

Ordered that Mr. Robinson the Compa. appothecary Provide for the Bottom of the Bay & For Port Nelson an equall quantety of Physick in such Speces as Dr. Carr has formerly Exhibeted in a bill to the Company, of which the Secretary is Ordered to Deliver him a Coppy thereof.

Adjourned untill next wednesday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

N.S.
March 5,
1684

Att a Committee 5th March 1683
Present

Sr. James Hays
Sr. Edwd. Dering
William Young Esqr.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Ordered that Mr. Robinson ad to his bill of medicines oyntments & plasters according to his bill now Exhibited amot. to 10*s*. 4*d*.

John Clarke Chyrurgion is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 years at 50*s*. p. month his wages to comence at his arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Ordered Mr. Cradock Mr. Letten & Mr. Walker be Desired to provide against the next Expedition, These Goods Follg.

4 Dos. of french falls all heigh heeles for Albany river
2 Dos. Plaine Shooes
2 Dos. french falls for Hayes Island
1 Dos. Plaine Shooes
1 Dos. of French falls for Ruperts River
½ Dos. of Plaine Shooes
6 Dos. of french falls for Port Nelson
3 Dos. of Plaine Shooes
100 white Callico Shirts
50 Blew Shirts
25 Dewlas[1] Shirts
40 Cotten waistcoates of woolen
40 Cotten Drawers of Ditto
8 Dos. of wadmill Stockings
8 Dos. of Irish Stockings

Ordered that an addition of Beef, Porke, Pease, Oatmeale & flower for 5 Men be added to the victuling Bill Because it is Intended by this Committee that 40 men Shall be at Port Nelson, & Provision is made but for 35 Men.

The Consideration of the day of Sayle for the Goods now in the Warehouse is Left to Mondays Committee next.

Adjourned untill next monday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] *Oxford English Dictionary*, "Dowlas . . . A coarse kind of linen, much used in the 16th and 17th centuries. *Obs.* . . . Now applied to a strong calico made in imitation of this."

N.S.
March 10,
1684

Att a Committee 10*th March* 1683

Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Willm. Young Esq.
Mr. Richd. Cradock
Mr. John Letten
Mr. Willm. Walker
Mr. Nich. Hayward
Mr. Ger. Weyman

Ordered the Companys Surveyor for Gunns take into his care and possesion the two Sample Guns that so he may be beter Inabled to view the Gunsmiths worke.

Ordered that Mr. Danl. Kingstone provide two Copper furnaces each to qtn. 30 Gallons & two Bells for Port nelson not exceeding 30 li. each and One for Albany river of the Same weight the Inscription to be aboute them Hudsons Bay Company 1684.[1]

Ordered that the day of Sayle for the Goods that are in the warehouse be adjourned untill the 19th Instant March of which notice be given thereof upon the Exchange to Morrow & that all Persons that have a Desire to See the Goods any time this weeke the warehouse keeper is Ordered to Shew them and give attendance thereupon.

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 94d., April 18, 1684, " Severall accts. Drs. to Daniel Kingston . . .

Stores for Albany River as			
1 bell wte. 32 li. at 13*d.*	£1:	14:	8
for stocking & hanging the bell	£0:	5:	–
for a Clapper	£0:	1:	6
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Stores for Port Nellson as			
2 bells wt. 64 li. at 13*d.* p. li.	£3:	9:	4
for stocking & hanging the bells	£0:	10:	0
for 2 clappers	£0:	3:	– "

The Committee for Shipping acquaint this Committee they have agreed with Alderman Richard Aley for his Pink called the *Lucy* for £650 to and from Hudsons Bay John Outlaw Mr. and the Charter Party were now openly read and aproved of. Ordered the Secretary to signe the Companys part in these words,

Deputy Govr. & p. Order of the Committe of
the Hudsons Bay Company
Onesiphorus Albin Secretary

Upon which it is agreed that £200 be Paid Aldr. Aley upon account of freight and by way of Imprest.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay unto Aldr. Richd. Aley by way of Imprest	£200.
To Capt. John Outlaw by way of advance	£10.

Joshua Johnson entered in the Companys Service for 3 Years at £8 p. year.

Adjourned untill next wednesday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 12*th March* 1683
Present

N.S.
March 12,
1684

Sr. James Hays	Mr. Cradock
Sr. Edwd. Dereing	Mr. Walker
William Young Esq.	Mr. Hayward

Mr. Letten

The Committee for Shipping reporting they have agreed with Mr. Stephen Evance for the Good ship called the *Happy returne* burthen 100 tuns to and from Hudsons Bay at £700 to be ready to receive in goods by the 25th of Aprill, and be ready to Sayle by the 5th of May, and to Stay in the Country to the 15th September and many other coveneants made wth. him, all which this Committe do approve of Ordered Mr. Nichs. Hayward be desired to Draw out the Charter Partys by the first.

Governor Nixson and Mr. Guyer Reporteing they have viewed Alderm. Boots and Jeffererys tobacco which they do not at all aprove of but Commending Mr. Williamsons and Mr. Laffals tobacco Ordered that Mr. Cradock and Mr. Letten be added to Mr. Weyman and Mr. Hayward to agree with any Person whom they find will accommodate the Company best.

Ordered the files that came from the Bay be new cutt and sent back againe by the next Shipping.

Mr. Hawkins Butcher doe Promise to serve the Company with Beef and Porke, as Mr. Bristow has agreed with the Compa. which this Committe does aprove of.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Mr. Percifull Pay unto Michl. Grimington by way of advance £5.

Ordered the Companys Sayle maker provide Old Hollands Duck Sayles 400 yards for Port Nelson for each factory their to be Settled 200 yards.

Ordered that Mr. Letten be Desired to buy 3 Dosen of Sacks[1] 2 Dos. whereof for the Bottom of the Bay and 1 Dos. for Port Nellson.

Adjourned untill next friday at 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

[1] Presumably wine for the tables of Governor Sergeant and Governor Abraham.

Att a Committee 14*th March* 1684
Present

N.S.
March 14,
1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker[1]
William Young Esq.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

Att this Committee were openly read the Charter partyes Between the Company and Mr. Stephen Evance for his Ship Called the *Happy Returne* whereof is Master Willm. Bond too and from Hudsons Bay for £700 etc. which was approved of Ordered the Secretary Signe the Companys part in these words

By Order of the Deputy Govr. and Committee of
the Hudsons Bay Compa.
Onesiphorus Albin Secretary

upon which it is agreed that £200 Be Paid Mr. Stephen Evans on acct. of freight and by way of Imprest.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Peter Percifull Pay unto Mr. Stephen Evans on Acct. of freight and by way of Imprest of the Good Shipp called the *Happy returne* too and from Hudsons Bay £200.

Ordered Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward be desired to Bespeake of Mr. Lassells the whole quantity of role tobacco that is to be Shipt of the Next Expedition.

Adjourned untill Monday 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 17d., Richard Cradock was also present at this meeting; but in A.1/81, fo. 28d., his name has been crossed through.

N.S.
March 17,
1684

Att a Committee 17*th March* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

The Preamble before the Saile to be Declared on the 19th Instant was now read & approved of.

Mr. Letten and Mr. Hayward Report they have agreed with Mr. Lassells for the roale tobacco, that is to be Provided against the next Expedition at 6*d*. p. li. he allowing Nett.

Ordered that 8 Petterrers be Provided for Port Nellson and Mr. Cradock be Desired to look after

12 Musquetts, and 4 Musquetoones, and two Blunderbusses of Iron be provided for each factory, and each of the Gunsmiths to have their Proportion & Catuche boxes Mr. Letten and Mr. Cradock to agree with them.[1]

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[1] This order is identical with that entered in A.1/81, fo. 29, but in A.1/7, fo. 18, the version is as follows: " Ordered that 8 Pettereroes be provided for Port Nellson and Mr. Cradock be desired to buy them. Ordered 12 musketts, 4 musquetoones & 2 blunderbusses of iron be provided for Port Nellson for each factorey to be settled there, [see p. 204, n. 4], and 24 catuch boxes & the Compa. Gunsmithes provide them." The orders in A.1/81 appear to be first drafts as there are many corrections and alterations, but those in A.1/7, are neatly kept. Musket was the term originally applied to the matchlock, i.e., a gun with a lock in which slow-match was placed for igniting the powder. Weapons with other forms of lock were distinguished as wheel-locks, fire-locks, etc. Subsequently the term " musket " became the general name of the infantry gun, whatever its construction. A musketoon was a short, large-bore musket somewhat of the blunderbuss type. A blunderbuss was a short gun with a large bore. Its calibre was so large that it could contain many balls or slugs and so was capable of doing execution within a limited range without exact aim. Cartouche-boxes were cartridge-boxes.

12 halfe pikes 2 hallberds for each factory & Mr. Cradock be Desired to buy them.[1]

12 Amunitian Swords and belts for each factory and left to the care of Mr. John Letten and Mr. Hayward to by them.[2]

50 hand Granadoes for each factory Left to the care of Mr. Letten & Mr. Cradock. 2 Unions flags 11 Yards flag Mr. Jacobs make them.[3] One Drum and 6 Drum heads for one factory the Secretary to buy them. 12 lamps for the factory & Cotton weeke[4] Sutable Mr. Cradock & Mr. Letten.[5]

Robt. Polden Cooper of Breedford[6] is entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £18 by year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Company Pay unto these Persons as

To Sr. James Hayes for Disburtment in the Court of Admeralty	£40.
To Onesiphorus Albin for Disburtments	£10.

Ordered that all Persons who that Desires to goe to Hudsons Bay are to repayre to Mr. Haywards Shop[7] their any two of the Committe have Power to agree with them and give report thereof to the Committe.

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[1] This order has been copied from A.1/81, fo. 29. In A.1/7, fo. 18, it is specifically stated that the weapons were " for Port Nelson for each Factorey ".

[2] In A.1/7, fo. 18, this order precedes the previous one.

[3] The details about the flags have evidently been copied from A.1/81, fo. 29, but in A.1/7, fo. 18, the entry reads : " two union Flags for Port nelson & the Secretary bespeake them of Mrs. Jacobs to be 9 yds. fley & 6 yards deepe ". See p. 251.

[4] I.e., wick.

[5] Once again the minute has been copied from A.1/81, fo. 29. The version in A.1/7, fo. 18, is shorter and reads : " one Drum & 6 spare heads for Port Nellson & 12 lamps left to the care of Mr. Cradock & Mr. Letten to buy them ".

[6] A.1/7, fo. 18, gives this place name as " Bredford in Coue. Dorset." Bradford Abbas is four miles south west of Sherborne.

[7] On the Virginia Walk of the Royal Exchange. See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 338.

Adjourned to wednesday at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

N.S.
March 19,
1684

Att a Committee 19*th March* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Willm. Young Esq.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Capt. Walker informes this Committee he is now under an arrest at the Suite of Mr. Rowland Platt in an action of £500 which if it appeare upon the Proof of the matter that it is realy the Companys Concern and ought to Affect them, In such case the Company Promise to Indemnifie the Said Capt. Walker or whomsoever Shall be his Baile Ordered that the Secretary Pay the Sergents 10/- to be placed either to the Companys account or to the account of Capt. Walker according to the determination of the Case it Shall belong.

This Committee haveing now Sould all their Beavor in the warehouse the bones [1] was now examined and found right.

Adjourned untill next friday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] An error for "bonds" as written in A.1/7, fo. 18d., and A.1/81, fo. 29d. The following table of results has been compiled from A.15/2, fos. 87d.–92d., and A.14/4, fos. 37d.–38.

(Footnote continued on opposite page.)

Buyer	No. of Lots	No. of Skins	Weight lbs.	Price per lb.					Rebate 1%					
				s.	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Peter Barr	3	11,200	632	8	2	258	1	4						
” ”	4		876	8	4	365	0	0						
” ”	4		850	8	6	361	5	0						
” ”	10		2,087	8	8	904	7	4						
” ”	21		4,379	8	10	1,934	1	2						
” ”	8		1,664	9	0	748	16	0						
” ”	6		1,236	9	2	566	10	0						
						5,138	0	10	51	7	7	5,086	13	3
John Blake	1	600	205	8	4	85	8	4						
” ”	1		203	8	8	87	19	4						
” ”	1		210	8	10	92	15	0						
						266	2	8	2	13	3	263	9	5
Thomas Byfield	1	400	201	8	8	87	2	0						
” ”	1		201	8	10	88	15	6						
						175	17	6	1	15	2	174	2	4
John Carbonnet	1	200	201	8	4	83	15	0		16	9	82	18	3
William Disher	1*	62	116	4	4	25	2	8		5	0	24	17	8
Benjamin Farant	1	200	208	8	10	91	17	4		18	4	90	19	0
Richard Gawthorne	2	1,600	425	8	4	177	1	8						
” ”	1		212	8	6	90	2	0						
” ”	1		202	8	10	89	4	4						
” ”	2		408	9	0	183	12	0						
” ”	2		415	9	2	190	4	2						
						730	4	2	7	6	0	722	18	2
John Hall	1	200	211	8	8	91	8	8		18	3	90	10	5
Jacob Harvey	1	200	209	9	0	94	1	0		18	9	93	2	3
Edward Hinton	1	200	207	9	0	93	3	0		18	7	92	4	5
John Legendre	1	800	213	8	6	90	10	6						
” ”	1		199	8	10	87	17	10						
” ”	1		207	9	0	93	3	0						
” ”	1		205	9	2	93	19	2						
						365	10	6	3	13	1	361	17	5
John Letten	1	200	213	8	6	90	10	6		18	1	89	12	5
Peter Midy	1	2,400	211	8	8	91	8	8						
” ”	4		850	8	10	375	8	4						
” ”	4		842	9	0	378	18	0						
” ”	3		617	9	2	282	15	10						
						1,128	10	10	11	5	8	1,117	5	2
William Pittson	1*	60	109	4	10	26	6	10		5	3	26	1	7
Henry Wheatley	2	?	415	8	10	183	5	10						
” ”	1**		128	12	2	77	17	4						
						261	3	2	2	12	2	258	11	0
	96	18,322 + §19,767										£8,575	2	9

* Stage beaver and pieces of old beaver.

§ Cf. p.187 , n. 1.

**Port Nelson beaver.

N.S. March 21, 1684

Att a Committee 21*st March* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Willm. Young Esq.	Mr. Letten[1]
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay unto Francis Mosley upon acct. of worke done & to be done £20.

Ordered Mr. Cradock be desirered to take in the Goldsmiths notes as they doe come in.

John Smith of Broadfeild[2] in County of Berks house Carpenter is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £16 p. Year.

Adjourned untill Monday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

N.S. March 24, 1684

Att a Committee 24 *March* 1683
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Willm. Young Esq.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Letten

Mr. Stacey Mr. Pickford & Hartwell Appearing Before this Committee to acquaint them how they could aford Musquets etc. Musquets at 15*s.* Musketoones at 16*s.* Blunderbuses of Iron at 18*s.* Cartouch Boxes at 20*d.* Ordered Mr. Cradock, Mr. Letten, Mr. Weymans & Mr. Hayward, or any two of them are Desired to agree with them or any others where they can gett them best and best Cheap.

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 18d., and A.1/81, fo. 30, John Letten was not present at this meeting.

[2] I.e., Bradfield, eight miles west of Reading.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay these foll. Persons & Summs foll.

To Richard Malling for 1000 Awles at 1*d.* p. Awle	£4.	3.	4
To John Elsworth for a Clock[1]	£15.	–	–
To Richard Jones and the rest of the Companys Joyners for worke done in the warehouse	£12.	9.	–

The Committee haveing Sould all their Beavor doe resolve to make a dividend[2] of £50 p. Ct. Ordered the Secretary bring in to the next Committee a Coppy of all the adventurers with their Stock and make out warrents for each adventurer upon one as allso Goldsmiths Payable the 23d of Aprill next, Except his Royall Highness the Duke of York which the Committe have resolved to Pressent him his Dividend in Gold.[3]

Adjourned untill next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] The name is correctly given as Ebsworth in A.1/7, fo. 19, and in A.1/81, fo. 30. This clock, a grandfather, is still in the Company's possession and is in working order.

[2] The first dividend to be paid since the adventurers started trading. See pp. 218–19.

[3] See pp. 226, 227, 231–32.

March 26, 1684

Att a Committee 26th March 168 [sic]
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Willm. Young Esq.
Mr. Letten	Mr. Weymans

The Committee for Shipping reporting they have hired the Good ship called the *John and Thomas*, whereof is Master Leonard Edgecomb[1] Burthen 120 Tons to be ready the 25th of Aprill next to and from Hudsons Bay at £675 which this Committee aprove of Ordered Mr. Nicholas Hayward be Desired to Draw out the Charter Partys by first

According to the order of the last Committee the Secretary brought before this Committee a List of the Adventurers of this Company with their Stocks which was openly read & the warrants for Each Adventurer to receive £50 p. Ct. upon his Stock were now all Signed and Charged upon the Compa. Goldsmiths as Follows

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Compa. Pay these persons & Summs following, a Divident according to each mans Stock at £50. p. Ct. Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Company Pay these Persons[2] & Summs following

To Sr. Edward Dering 50 p. Ct. on his Stock as a Dividend	£350. – –
To Mr. Nicholas Hayward the Like	£100. – –

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[1] A biography of Leonard Edgcombe (or Edgecombe) will appear in a later volume in this series.

[2] Cf. the adventurers named above with those for 1676 and 1682 listed in *H.B.S.*, VIII, 307, 308.

To Mr. Thomas Ellis the like		£175.	–	–
To Mr. Soloman Haugham the like		£100.	–	–
To Mr. Willm. Wensley the Like		£ 50.	–	–
To Mr. Robt. Stamper the Like		£ 25.	–	–
To Anto. Saint Leger Esq. the Like		£ 25.	–	–
To Mr. Saml. Clarke the Like	£50			
To Ditto more	£150	£200.	–	–
To Sr. Robt. Clayton the Like		£350.	–	–
To Mr. George Baron the Like		£150.	–	–
To the Earle of Craven the Like		£150.	–	–
To Joseph Ashhurst Executor the Like		£250.	–	–
To the Duke of Albermarle the Like		£250.	–	–
To Mr. John Bradley the like		£200.	–	–
To Robt. Boyles Esq. the like		£ 50.	–	–
To George Earle Berkley the like		£150.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay these Persons and Summs following

To Sr. James. Hayes 50 p. Ct. on his Stock	£150.	–	–
To Willm. Young Esq. the like	£450.	–	–
To Mr. Richard Cradock the Like	£300.	–	–
To Mr. John Letten the Like	£500.	–	–
To Mr. Geo. Weymans the like	£100.	–	–
To Mr. Willm. Walker the like	£100.	–	–
To Mr. Thomas Cudworth the like	£ 25.	–	–
To Mrs. Abigall Blake the like	£ 75.	–	–
To Mr. Stephen Cookes Executors the like	£ 25.	–	–
To Mr. Thomas Gray the like	£100.	–	–
To Mr. Stephen Evans the like	£ 25.	–	–
To Mr. John Carter the like	£ 50.	–	–
To Mr. John Humphres the Like	£150.	–	–
To Marke Hildsles Esq. the like	£150.	–	–
To Mr. Charles Sympson the like	£ 50.	–	–
To Mr. Stephen Pitts the like	£ 50.	–	–
To Mr. Francis Tyssen Junior the like	£100.	–	–
To Antho. Stephens Esq. the like	£ 25.	–	–
To Mr. Saml. Onley the like	£ 50.	–	–
To Sr. John Mallett the Like	£100.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay these Persons and Summs following

To Roger Arkinstall & Joshua Spurrier for Sorting Beavor against the Saile	£19.	–	–
To George Guyer for Disburtments for the Indian	£4.	11.	–
To Jeremiah Gryffeth and the rest of the Porters for worke done	£12.	10.	4

Captaine Walker upon his humble Petition desireing the Company would be Pleased to Supply him with some mony the Comittee Considering he has Beene and Old Servant of the Compa. Ordered that £50 Shall be Sent him upon his bill Payable at Demand.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. Pay unto Capt. Nehemiah Walker upon acct. of his Bond, lent him Payable on Demand £50.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay unto Stephen Carrington on acct. of Lace £5. 0. –

John Funter[1] is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 years at the rate of 30*s*. p. month his wages to Commence at his arrivall in Hudsons Bay.

Adjourned untill this day 14 Daies, but if occation for the Comittee meeting Sooner the Secretary Ordered to Sommon them.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 20d., describes Funter as a shipwright.

Att a Committee 29*th March* 1684
Present

March 29, 1684

Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Att this Comittee were openly read the Charter Partys Between the Company and Leonard Edgcomb and Jonathen Wilde for the Good Pink called the *John and Thomas* to and from Hudsons Bay for £675. which was approved of Ordered the Secretary Signe the Companys Part in these words

By Order of the Deputy Govr. and Comittee of the Hudsons Bay Compa. Onesiphorus Albin Secretary

upon which it is agreed that £200 be paid unto the Mr. Lenord Edgecomb on acct. of Freight and by way of Imprest on the Good Pink Called the *John and Thomas* to and From Hudsons Bay £200.

Ordered that the Charter Partyes for the *Lucey* the *Happy Returne* & for the *John and Thomas* be Delivered unto Mr. Hayward that he may take Coppyes thereof and after to Deliver the same to the Secretary.

Ordered that Sr. Edward Dereing Mr. Walker be Desired to Buy as much Culld. Cloths and Bayes for Lineings as will make up 60 Coates and Breetches for the Companys Servants.

Adjourned as in the former Committe.

April 9, 1684

Att a Committee 9th Aprill 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edward Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

William Harrington an Apprentice to the Company now in the Bay his Mother appearing Before this Committee informing them her Sonns time is Out desireing he may be Called home whose Request is granted.

Ordered that Richard Lucas be Mate to Leonard Edgecome for the next Expedition to Hudsons Bay.

Aldm. Alie moved that Francis Letherman may be Entertained as mate in the *Lucey*; Letherman haveing formerly ill Behaveed himselfe[1] in the Companys Service this Committee therefore is Resolved he Shall not be Entertained in the Companys Service for the next Expedition.

John Ford of Shereburne in Dorsettshire Marriner is Entertained in the Companys Service at £3 p. month whome this Committee doe order Shall goe Mate in the *Lucey*.

Ralph Knight Merchant is Entertained in the Companys Service for 3 Years at £6. 9. & 12 his wages to Begin at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Francis Hildsly Marriner is Entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £20 his wages to Begin at his arrivall in the Bay.

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[1] Cf. p. 106. No account of Letherman's behaviour has been traced in the Company's archives.

John Thompson of Fordline in Sussex Lobourrer is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £6. 8. 10 & 12. his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay Recommended p. Da. Lane.

Samuel Martin is Entertained in the Companys Service as their Apprentice for 5 years and to undr. writt endentures according to the Conditions of Apprentices of the Companys.[1]

Ordered that Michl. Grimington goe 2 Mate to Edgecomb & when arrived in the Bay to Change Births with John Brownson.

William Benson Shipwright of Limehouse recomended by Mich. Grimington is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £30, his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Edward Adams of Popler Marriner & Gunner is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £20 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay he is recomended by Michl. Grimington.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Compa. Pay unto Wm. Hawkins for Beef and Pork Delivered and to be Delivered £50. 0. –

Adjourned unto Satturday at 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 21, adds that Martin was " recommended by Michell Gryminton ". The exact conditions of service are not known.

April 12, 1684

Att a Committee 12*th Aprill* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Compa. Pay unto the Master and Wardens of Scrivenors Company for 6 m. Rent due 25th March Last £30.

Ordered that Saml. Pearse Shall goe first and Cheif Mate to Capt. Bond and Dan. Lane to goe Second mate with him.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Company pay unto Daniel Lane on account of his wages £5.

Thomas Coleman Armorer is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £18 p. yeare his wages to Commence at his Arrivall at Pt. Nelson.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Company Pay unto John Gore in Part for Shirts &c. } £40.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Company pay unto Thomas Sellon in Part for Great Gunns and musketts } £50.

Mrs. Verner humbly Requested that she may Be Permitted to goe to her husband Now Chiefe at Ruperts River which the Committee consent unto Provided her husband allowes for her Passiage to and from Hudsons Bay and allow the Company £12 a year for her Diett which She promisses Shall be done.

Adjourned unto Monday 3 of the Clock in the afternoone.[1]

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[1] The minutes for the meeting of Monday, April 14, were entered in A.1/2 out of order. See p. 231.

Att a Committee 17th Aprill 1684
Present

April 17, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

Mr. Francis Raynesford Comming Before this Committee requsting the remaining part of the Fraight for the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay this Comittee haveing taken his request into Consideration that the Companys Pasingers haveing beene Ill Dieted it is resoveled by this Comittee that £30 Shall be Deducted from his freight upon that Acct. and Likewise 12/-[1] for a boate so that their is remaineing Due to him upon Acct. £324. 11. 8. upon which he Gave the Company a full Discharge and Delivered up the Charter Partye.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Compa. Pay unto Mr. Frances Raynesford in farther part of Payment for freight for the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay	£150. – –
Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Compa. Pay unto Mr. Frances Raynesford in full Payment for freight of the *Dilligence* to and from Hudsons Bay	£174. 18. 11[2]
Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Compa. Pay unto Francis Mosley for worke done and to be Done	£20. – –

Whereas there is a writt out at the Sute of Mr. John Devall in an action of £300 Served against Mr. John Letten Mr.

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[1] Given as £12 in A.1/7, fo. 22d., and A.1/81, fo. 34. According to A.1/7, fo. 22d., the passengers were " Ill Dieted " both " out & home ".

[2] In A.1/7, fo. 22d., and A.1/81, fo. 34, this amount is given as £174. 11*s*. 8*d*.

Ger. Weymans Onesiphorus Albin and Capt. Nehemiah Walker, Ordered that Mr. Wm. Walker and Mr. Nicholas Hayward be Desired to bail them Below and Sr. James Hayes and Sr. Edward Dering above for which the Company promise to Indemnifie them under the Common Seale.

Ordered that Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay unto Sr. James Hayes for the use of his Royall Highness the Duke of York 150 Guyneas which is for his Divident apointed to be paid By order of the Committee 24 March Last in Gold £150 of which is to be placed to Royall Highness Acct. and the remainder which the Guineas amounts unto is to be placed to the Compa. acct. at 21/½[1]	£150.	—	—
	11.	5.	—
	£161.	5.	—
Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Compa. Pay unto Onesiphorus Albin on acct. of Disburstments	£10.	0.	—

Adjourned unto 4 of the Clock to Morrow in the Affternoone.

April 18, 1684

Att a Comitee 18th Aprill 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edw. Dering
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

Mr. Leonard Edgcombe humbly moved that the Comittee would be pleased to Lett him Carry a Doctor & abate one man of his number exprest in his Charter Party which this Comittee doe Consent unto.

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[1] See pp. 227, 231–32.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke and Company Pay unto Capt. John Outlaw on acct. of his wages	£10. – –
To. Mm. Benson By way of 2 m. Imprest for which Mich. Grimington ingages to See him forthcoming & Shipt	£5. – –

Adjourned to Monday 5 a Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 21*st Aprill* 1684
Present

April 21, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

Sr. James Hayes & Sr. Edward Dereing Reporting to the Comittee they Paid his Royall Highness 150 Guineas according to an order of a former Comittee for his Royal Highness Dividend and many other things relating to the Companys affaires all which this Comittee approve of.

Ordered that Mr. Hayward Pay unto John Basford Mr. Haywards Servant 10/-[1] as a Grattuiety for his Care in the Dispatch of Severall writtings for the Company.

Mr. Hayward and Mr. Walker have now putt in Baile to Mr. John Devalls acction of £300, Severally against Mr. John Letten Mr. Ger. Weymans Onesiphorus Albin and Capt. Walker according to the order of a former Committee.

Adjourned unto next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] According to A.1/81, fo. 35, where some words have been crossed through, Basford wrote out " the Charter Partyes . . . &c."

April 23, 1684

Att a Comittee 23*d Aprill* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

John Allen recomended to the Company By Michl. Griminton is entertained in the Companys Service as their Apprentice for Seven years who is to underwrtte a pair of Indentures as in Like case of other Apprentices.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Company Pay unto these Persons and Summs following

To Dan. Kingston for Kettles	£100.	0.	0
To Thos. Hicks for 3 Spainish Cloths[1]	£ 19.	5.	6
To Willm. Jones for 8 manchester Bayes[2]	£ 17.	0.	0

Ordered Mr. Thos. Cooke and Company Pay unto Daniel Kingston in full for Kettles	£56.	–	–

Ordered the Secretary bring to the next Comittee answers to the Severall Letters that Came from Hudsons Bay and Port Nellson and prepare Letters for the next Expedition.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. Pay these Persons and Sums following

To John Clarke by way of advance for whome his father George Clarke is Security	£5.	–	–

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[1] A.15/2, fo. 101, April 18, 1684, "Cloth Dr. to Thomas Hicks £19: 5: 6 bought of him the 10 instant 3 Spanish Clothes to make the Compa. Servants Clothes yds. 64¼ at 6/– p. yde."

[2] Ibid., fo. 100d., April 18, 1684, "Bayes Drs. to Wm. Jones £17 for 8 Manchester wte. bayes WW at £2: 2: 6 for Lyneings for the servants Clothes."

To Francis Hildsly	By way of advance	£5. – –
To James Swan To David Cleny To John Crookes	to each 2 m. advance for whome Thomas Williams is Security	£3. – –

Adjourned to Friday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 25*th Aprill* 1684
Present

April 25, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

George Geyer[1] is Entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £80 a year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay and for his attendance Since his arrivall from the Bay this Comittee doe appoint him as a grattuity £10.

Mr. Randolph haveing done good Service[2] for the Company in New England in Carring the Kings Letter to the Government there & Delivering the Same for which good Service it is ordered that Mr. Willm. Walker buy a peice of Plate to the vallue of £10 with the Companys armes upon it, and Sr. James Hayes be Desired to present the Same in Behalfe of the Compa.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Company pay unto Willm. Hawkins in full for Beefe and Porke £72.

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[1] A.6/1, fo. 44, Deputy Governor and Committee to John Abraham, May 14, 1684, "... We have sent Mr. George Geyer upon Designe principally to make a good settlement at the River of New Severne which we desire you as soone as may be to sett him about ..."

[2] See pp. 126–34.

Whereas Mrs. Verner was ordered upon her request to the Committee 12 Aprill instant that she Should goe to her Husband in Hudsons Bay[1] upon divers good Considerations it is the opinion of this Committee She Shall not goe this expedition nor any other woman of which the Secretary is to give her notice thereof.

Mr. Richard Lucas humbly desired £20 by way of advance upon the next Expedition to Hudsons Bay which this Comittee are willing to provided he gives the Company Security that he goes the Voyage.

Ordered the Secretary take what care he can to procure what Servants the Company has yet occation for and make report thereof to the Comittee as they meet.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans and Company pay unto John Thompson 2 m. advance for which Daniel Lane will Be his Security	£1.
To George Geyer as a Grattuity	£10.

Adjourned to Monday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

April 28, 1684

Att a Committee 28*th Aprill* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esq.[2]
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans

John Hawkins Silk trower of London is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £6. 8. 10 & 12. his wages to commence at his arrivall in the Bay and what mony Shall be advanced Wm. Hawkins father[1] who recomends him to the Company will See him goe on his Voyage.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 24d., states " Rupert River " in place of " Hudsons Bay ".
[2] This name is not included in A.1/7, fo. 25, and A.1/81, fo. 36d.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Compa. pay unto Mr. Willm. Walker on account of Customes	£30.	–	–
To Wm. Norbury Brian Norbury Att. on Acct. of his wages	£9.	6.	10
To John Funter 2 m. Advance	£3.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Walker with the Secretary be Desired to Enter the Compa. Goods at the Customes & Ship them of with all Speed.

Adjourned to wednesday 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Committee 14*th Aprill* 1684[2]
Present

April 14, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Letten

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Compa. Pay unto Onesiphorus Albin a Deduction from Thomas Curtis £7. 5. 0.

Ordered Sr. James Hayes & Sr. Edward Dering be Desired to present his Royall Highness at Windsor his Dividend in Gold According to a formr. order 150 Guineas & present the

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[1] In A.1/7, fo. 25, " butcher " is substituted for " father ".

[2] The minutes of this meeting are out of order. See p. 225.

Same in a Purse Such as they think fitt & the Secretary is ordered to waite upon them.[1]

John Newbury of London Marriner is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £12 p. year his wages to Commence at his Arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. Pay unto Charles Newton By way of Advance £2.

Henry Kelsey is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years as their Apprentice.[2]

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. Pay unto Michell Grimington on acct. of his wages £5.

Ordered the Secretary take Care to Cloth Saml. Martin & to Agree with Henry Kelsey as best he Can.[3]

Adjourned to thursday 3 of the Clock in the afternoone.

[1] This entry is identical in A.1/81, fo. 33d., but in A.1/7, fo. 22, it is as follows: " Ordered Sir James Hayes & Sr. Edward Dering be Desired to attend his Royall Highness at Windsor and present him his Divident in Gold in a faire imbrodered purse according to the Order of the Committee the 24th March last past 150 Guynnies & the Secretary is Ordered to waite upon them to Windsor ". A.15/2, fo. 113, November 24, 1684, " 21 April 84 pd. in charges in a Journey to Windsor with Sr. James Hayes, Sr. Ed. Dering & Albin presenting the Dukes Divident £8: 9: 6."

[2] This entry is the same as that in A.1/81, fo. 33d., but in A.1/7, fo. 22, it is as follows: " Henry Kellsey is Entertained in the Compa. service as their apprentice for 4 yeares his time to commence at his arrivall in the Bay & to terminate from his comeing from thence who is to have £8 at the end of the tearme & two shutes of apparrell." According to A. 24/1, fo. 12d., his outfit in 1684 consisted of " a bed, rug, 4 blew shirtes, 2 pr. stockings 2 caps, 2 hankerchers, 4 neck clothes, a shute of Clothes, 2 pr. drawers & 2 wast coates." See Appendix B, p. 310. See also *The Kelsey Papers* (Published by The Public Archives of Canada and The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 1929).

[3] This entry is the same in A.1/81, fo. 33d., but in A.1/7, fo. 22, it reads: " Ordered the Secretary take care to Cloth Samuell Martin entertained in the Compa. service as their apprentice the 9th instant." A.1/24, fo. 12d., shows that Martin's outfit was the same as Kelsey's plus " a lether cap ". See Appendix B, p. 310.

Att a Committee 30th Aprill 1684
Present

April 30, 1684

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Weymans

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. Pay unto Thomas Ogden for flemish Bricks & tiles	£27. 17. 6
To Edward Jefferies for 44 Gross of Tobacco pipes	£2. 18. 8
Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Compa. Pay unto Thomas Sergent & Compa. for 3 Spainish Cloths	£30. 16. 6

The Secretary reporting that Thomas Mettham & his Comrade are Willing to Serve the Company Mottham Demands £3 p. month & his Comrade £27 p. year Ordered the Secretary Hire them at these wages.

Ordered Michael Grimington to goe on Board Leonard Edgcomb and Supply the Place of Richard Lucas as Cheif mate untill Lucas Comes on Board the Said Edgcombe.

Adjourned to friday next at 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

May 2, 1684

Att a Committee 2d of May 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Letten	

Richard Lucas and Daniel Lane Did take the oath of fidelity to the Company Before Sr. James Hayes Deputy Governor as also Lane made Affidavit Before Sr. Miles Cooke on of the masters of Chancery and Lucas before Sr. An. Alconcering this interloping voyage[1] al which was Delivered in at this Board to the Secretary.

Michael Grimington, Geo. Geyer & Leonard Edgcombe on the 30th of Aprill Last tooke the Oaths of fidelity to the Company Before Sr. James Hayes Deputy Governor and the Committee.

John Pearson of Feith[2] in Scottland is Entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £6. 9, & 12. p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Company Pay unto Bar. Allen Jos. Allens Att. on acct. of his wages	£10. – –
To Mr. Richd. Bristow on acct. of Beef & Porke	£60. – –

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[1] This phrase is written clearly in A.1/2, fo. 142, but was apparently copied incorrectly from A.1/81, fo. 37, where it reads: " before Sr. Ad. Oatly [?] concerning their interloping voyage ". According to A.1/7, fo. 25d., Lucas made his affidavit before Sir Adam Ottkey and Lane made one before Sir Miles Cooke. These affidavits have not been found in the Company's archives.

[2] Presumably an error for " Leith ".

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Company Pay unto Richard Bristow in full for Beefe & Porke	£59.	6.	–

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Compa. Pay unto John Outlaw for Disburstments for Henry Kelsey as one of the Companys Apprentices	£5.	12.	–

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. Pay unto Richard Lucas on account of his wages	£20.	–	–
To Thomas Curtis and the rest of the Salters for Salting Beef & Porke	£5.	2.	4
To Thomas Coleman By way of advance	£3.	–	–
To William Walker on account of Customes	£30.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Company Pay unto Joseph Albin for halfe years Sallery Due the 2d instant	£12.	10.	–
To Onesiphorus Albin for Disbursments	£10.	–	–
To Mr. Nicholas Hayward for Disbursments	£15.	–	–

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Company pay unto Stephen Carrington in full for Lace	£8.	–	–
To Richard Webster for Printing in Part	£7.	–	–
To Thomas Robinson for Medicines	£11.	–	–

Onesiphorus Albin Pay these Persons and Sums following

To John Newbury 2 m. Advance	£2.	–	–
To John Hawkins 2 m. Advance	£1.	–	–

Thomas Mettham of Wapping Shipwright is Entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £3 p. month his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Amos Dumeres of Waping Marriner is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 years att £27 p. year his Wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

John Parrett of Waping Bricklayer is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 years at £16 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivll. in the Bay.

Sr. James Hayes & Sr. Edward Dering report they were Baile Before my Lord Cheif Justice of the Kings Bench in a Sute of John Devall agt. Mr. John Letten Mr. Gerrard Weymans Onesiphorus Albin & Mr. Nehemiah Walker each £300 for which this Committee in Behalfe of the Company doe Ingage the Stock to Save them harmless & to that Effect doe Promise them to Deliver them a Covenant under Common seale.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

May 5, 1684

Att a Committee 5th May 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

Ordered Sr. James Hayes and Mr. Wm. Walker are Desired to give Bale above at the action of Rowland Patt against Capt. Walker of £500 as by Committee 19th March Last for which the Compa. will Indemnifie them for so Doeing Provided it is upon the Compa. account.

Ordered Robt. Perry Shall goe Cheif mate in the *Happy returne* under Capt. Willm. Bond Sam. Pearse who was formerly ordered his Demands Being so unreasonable he is therefore putt of from that Imploy this Expedition.

Ordered the Secretary Give Mr. Evans Cr. for £14. 13*s*. for Disbursments he made for the Companys use.[1]

Ordered William Bond buy 2 Graples of 1 C. weight each for the 2 Greenland Shalloops.

Henry Wood of Sherebourne in Dorsetshire is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £10 By year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Company Pay unto Mr. William Walker for goods Bought by him for the Compa. £14. 6. 10.

Ordered the old Standard of Trade[2] Be sent this Expedition to Pt. Nelson.

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[1] In A.1/7, fo. 26d., this order reads: "Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. haveing Disburst severall summes amt. to £35. 6. – in the moneth of Octob. & November 1681—£7. 16. – & £12. 17. – thereof Cr. was given them the 11 July 1683 but the Remainder wch. is £14. 13. – stood still as a charge upon them they haveing of late made it appeare it was Disburst for the Compa. use Ordered the Secretary give them Cr. for the sd. summe of £14. 13. – & place it to the acct. of petty disbursemts."

[2] The "Standard of Trade" was based on the beaver skin. Governor Nixon had made certain alterations to it which had displeased the Committee (see pp. 251, 252, 256) and had led the Deputy Governor and his colleagues to write to his successor, Henry Sergeant, on May 16, 1684, (A.6/1, fo. 47d.) as follows: "... we injoyne you to use all the Art & Dilligence you can to bring our Goods to the old Standard ... and to fasilitate the business we have at this time sent you very good Goods ... and therefore we hope you will advance those goods above the Standard as our 3½ foote Guns to 9 beavors our 4 foote to 10 skins & the 4½ foot to 11. & the 5 foote 12 skins ... and we have likewise sent you 40 fine guns ... Therefore we doe expect 10 skins for 3½ foote guns & so proportionable

Ordered Mr. Walker Be Desired to goe down to Greavesend with the Secretary to Clear the Companys Ships that are to goe for Hudsons Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. Pay unto George Mettham By way of advance for which George Geyer is Security £6.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 3 a Clock in the afternoone.

May 7, 1684

Att a Committee 7th May 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans

Ordered that Governor Sergeant Be written to to make a Detachment from Hayes Island & make a Settlement in the

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for the Rest. Mr. Nixon has not only by this alteration debaced our Goods but advanced theirs [the French] as formerly we had
8 Martin skins for a beaver now but 4 which are our best furrs & turnes best to accte.
2 moose skins for a beavor & now but 1 moose
12 musquash to a beavor which are here worth but 2½*d.* & we had need of 50 of them to a beavor."
See J. B. Tyrrell (ed.), *Documents Relating to the Early History of Hudson Bay* (Toronto, The Champlain Society, 1931), "The History of Hudson's-Bay . . . by John Oldmixon (London, 1708)", p. 380, ". . . the Curious, who have any taste of Commerce, will not think it a Digression to insert a Standard of Trade, which the *Hudson's Bay Company* fix'd about 25 Years ago . . . The STANDARD how the *Company's* Goods must be barter'd in the *Southern* Part of the *Bay*. Guns. *One with the other* 10 *good Skins; that is, Winter Beaver;* 12 *Skins for the biggest sort,* 10 *for the mean, and* 8 *for the smallest* . . ." A full "Standard of Trade" for the year 1748 will be found in *Report from the Committee, Appointed to enquire into the State and Condition of the Countries adjoining to Hudson's Bay, and of the Trade carried on there* (London, 1749), p. 257.

Slood river[1] whereof Mr. Brian Norbury to be made Cheif of the Same & Have ordered that He Shall have in the future £25 p. year Settled upon him for his Sallery.

Richard Waldridge[2] Bricklayer is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £18 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Nicholas Meching of Houlbourne[3] Putt himselfe an Apprentice to the Company for 7 years at the end of his time he is to have £6 and two Shutes of Aparrell.

William Bright of London Haberdasher is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £10 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

John Lawson of London Apothecary is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £10 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Compa. Pay these Persons & Sums following

To George Geyer by way of advance	£12.	–	–
To Thomas Mumford for two Graplins	£2.	5.	–
To Daniel Wood By way of advance	£3.	–	–
To Richd. Nauldridge By way of advance	£6.	–	–
To Mich. Grimington By way of advance	£10.	–	–
To Amice Dumerisq By way of advance for whom Geo. Geyer is Sec.	£4.	10.	–

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[1] Eastmain River. See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 139, n. 5. A.6/1, fo. 47d., Deputy Governor and Committee to Sergeant, May 16, 1684, "As to the IsingGlass Trade we finde . . . to this Day nothing has beene done although we have every yeare ernestly *desired it and for feare that the worke should be neglected we doe now order you to make a Detachment of* 10 *men upon sight hereof & settle them in the Slood River upon the Island called . . . by our people* St. James Island which we understand from Mr. Geyer leyes very *convenient for Trade and the Isingglass . . .*"

[2] Richard Naldridge, an old servant of the Company.

[3] Holborn.

Whereas Mr. John Letten Mr. Richard Hayward & Mr. Richard Cradock have for the Service of the Company entered into a Covenant to Mr. John Byfield to Pay each four Pounds in Case neither of the three Shipps Hired this year is able By reason of the Ice to gett into the Bay Ordered that the Aforenaimed Mr. Letten Mr. Hayward & Mr. Cradock Be indemnified from Sd. Covenant the Same haveing been now read at the Board and Approv'd. of.[1]

Adjourned to friday [2] next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

May 12, 1684

Att a Committee 12*th May* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Sr. James Hayes and Mr. Yoong made report to this Committe that Mr. Espirett Radison [3] is Lately arrived from france and haveing tendered his Service to the Company that they had Caryed him to Windsor and presented him to our Governor His Royall Highness who the Said Mr. Radissons Protestation of fidellity to the Company for the future was pleased to advise he Should be received againe into faviour the Service of the Company as thereby they had made an agreement with him to receive him accordingly under the wages of £50 p. annum and the Benefitt of haveing two Hundred pounds in the Capatall Stock of the Compa. dureing his Life and good behaviour in the Service, and that he Should have

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[1] No further particulars concerning this transaction have been found. The *Happy Return*, the *Lucy*, and the *John and Thomas* made successful voyages and all three arrived in the Downs by October 25, 1684. According to A.1/7, fo. 27, and A.1/81, fo. 38d, the transaction was with Thomas Byfield.

[2] There is no meeting recorded for Friday, May 9.

[3] For a full account of the events leading up to Radisson's re-entry into the Company's service see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 186–221.

£25 to Sett him out for the present expedition for Pt. Nelson And that his Brother Grossilier who is now in france if he comes over Shall have 20*s*. a weeke for his Support dureing his abode here he Ingageing also to be faithfull to the Interest of the Company for the future. This Committee Judging it to be for the Interest and Service of the Company have approved thereof all Except Mr. Weymans.

Mr. Peter Espritt Radison tooke the oath of fidellity to the Company before Sr. James Hayes in the presence of Mr. Willm. Young Mr. Richard Cradock Mr. Willm. Walker & Mr. Nicholas Hayward of the Committee.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Company Pay unto Mr. Nicholas Hayward the Sum of £25 which Immeadiatly upon receipt to pay unto Mr. Peter Espritt Radison as a Grattuity £25.

Since which Mr. Hayward has exhibited to this board Mr. Radisons Receipt for the same £25 and is Delivered to the Secretary.

Ordered Mr. Owen Send on Board Capt. Outlaw 200 whole Deales of 10 footte & 12 halfe one & halfe the & 50 Slitt Deales.[1]

Ordered the Secretary buy for the factory of Pt. Nelson Pewter[2] a Shute of Curtaines & 4 Chaires[3] & be Delivered to Mr. Geyer.

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[1] This entry is the same as that in A.1/81, fo. 39, but in A.1/7, fo. 27d., it reads: "Ordered Mr. Owen send on board Capt. John Outlaws ship 100 whole Deales of 10 foote, & 100 whole Deales of 12 foote & 50 slitt Deales."

[2] According to A.14/4, fos. 176d.–177, these pewter goods were bought from Mary Parker on April 18, 1684. A.15/2, fo. 99d., April 18, 1684, "Stores for Port Nellson Drs. to Mary Parker £2: 18: – For 4 Dishes, 1 do. plates, 2 basons, one chamber pott, one quart tankard, 6 poringers, & one salt the Compa. armes ingraven on them."

[3] According to A.1/7, fo. 27d., they were "Russia Leather" chairs. A.15/2, fo. 99, shows that they were bought on April 18, 1684, when "Stores for Port Nellson" were debited to "Edward Fenwick £4. 3: –. For a shute of curtaines & vallance, 4 Rushia Leather chayres and carpet for matts & a boxe."

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance and Company Pay unto

Mr. Gerard Weymans for Mollases	£41.	13.	6
To Mr. Willm. Walker on accot. Customes	£50.	–	–
To Wm. Bright By way of advance	£4.	–	–
To John Lawson the Like	£4.	–	–
To John Smith the Like	£5.	–	–
To Daniel Lane the Like	£5.	–	–
To Francis Mosley for worke done	£20.	–	–

Adjourned till to Morrow at 3 a Clock in the afternoone.

May 13, 1684

Att a Committee 13th May 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Cradock
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker	

Upon Mr. Traverns note Desireing to know what Wittnesses are to be Examined at the Sute of Mr. Jennings this Committe doe nominate Richard Lucas Daniel Lane, Willm. Austin Capt. Nehemiah Walker and francis Letherman.

Ordered that Sr. James Hayes Mr. Cradock Mr. Walker and Mr. Hayward be Desired to Signe the Instructions & Letters to Govr. Sergeant & Governor Abraham with Instructions and Sailing orders to the Severall Commanders.

Henry Chambray recomended by Mr. Stephen Evance is entertained in the Companys Service for 3 years at £15 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Ordered the Secretary take notice in the Books that when Robt. Sandford time is expired of his £6. 9. 12. then this Committe doe order his Sallery be advanced to £30 a year whiles he Continues his Station at Chychewan as Trader.

Benj. Mesnard of Parris formerly a Soldier there (recomended by Mr. Nicholas Hayward) is Entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £6 8. 10. & 12 his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

Adjourned to Morrow at 3 Clock.

Att Greavesend a Committee 14*th May* 1684
Present

May 14, 1684

Sr. James Hayes
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward

George Braines of Preston in Lancastshire is Entertained in the Compa. Service for 4 years at £6. 8. 10 & 12.

Ralph Preston of Hull Marriner is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £10 p. year Ordered Mr. Walker pay to the Said Preston £2 & to John Wilson £2 by way of advance.

May 15, 1684

A Comittee at Greavesend the 15th May 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

This day Capt. Leonard Edgcombs[1] Sayleing orders were openly read and aproved of & Ordered to Be Signed By the Secretary in these Words By Order of the Deputy Govr. & Committee of the Hudsons Bay Company Onesiphorus Albin Secret.

The Bills of Loading Invoices and Letters to Governor Sergeant[2] Being drawn and Signed they were Sealed up and Delivered to Capt. Lenoard Edgcomb Commander of the *John & Thomas* together with his Sayleing orders In the Companys Generall Letters to Governor Sergeant were enclosed Besides the Bills of Loading and Invoice Vizt. these papers following Vizt. a Copy of the Kings Letter to the Govr. of new England to Suppres Interlopers[3] a Copy of the Companys Letter to Capt. John Abraham[4] a Copy of the Charter Party with Capt. Edgcombe.

Capt. John Abrahams Commission to be Govr. of Pt. Nelson was drawn and the Secretary was ordered to fix the Companys Seale & Signe it.

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[1] The original instructions have not been traced. According to the copy in A.6/1, fos. 40d.–41 (May 14, 1684), they were signed by "your very Louving Friends James Hayes Dept. Governour, Richard Cradock, Wm. Walker, Nicholas Hayward." The *John and Thomas* was to make her first call at Charlton Island and the captain was to place himself under the orders of Governor Sergeant.

[2] The original letter has not been traced in the Company's archives but a copy is in A.6/1, fos. 47–50d., Deputy Governor and Committee to Sergeant, May 16, 1684.

[3] See pp. 129–33.

[4] The original letter has not been traced in the Company's archives, but a copy, dated May 14, 1684, is in A.6/1, fos. 44–45.

And that a Duplicate be made of the Said Commission to be Signed & Sealed in Like manner.

Two Coppys of the Companys Generall Letters to Capt. Abraham was sent in each Ship these papers following Vizt.

a Copy of the Invoice
a Bill of Loading
a Abstract of the Charter Party
A Copy of the Kings Letter to the Governmnt. of New England to Suppress Interloping.

Instructions were given to Capt. Willm. Bond Commander of the *Happy returne* Not to be Opened till he comes to the Entrance of Hudsons Streights.

The like Instructions were given to Capt. John Outlaw[1] Saileing orders were Given to Capt. Willm. Bond and the Like Saleing orders were given to Capt. John Outlaw.

A Letter Writen to Capt. Abreham that he Should be a good husband of the Provisions which had been plentifully made for 50 men though not above 30[2] Sent.

A Letter Writen to Morgan Lodge in deale to furnish Mr. Peter Espritt Radison with fresh Provisions.[3]

John Willson of Hull Marriner is entertained in the Companys Service for 4 years at £16 p. year his wages to Commence at his arrivall in the Bay.

William Bass of Deptford Marriner the Like at £15 p. year Christopher Allen of London Blacksmith 4 years at £12 p.

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[1] The original instructions addressed jointly to Bond and Outlaw have not been traced in the Company's archives, but there is a copy dated May 14, 1684, in A.6/1, fos. 45–46. Both vessels were to sail to Port Nelson.

[2] A.1/7, fo. 29, gives this figure as thirty-one.

[3] A.6/1, fo. 43d., Deputy Governor and Committee to Morgan Lodge, Gravesend, May 16, 1684, " . . . In the Ship of Capt. Bond [*Happy Return*] goes one Mr. Peter Espritt Radisson Bee pleased to furnish him with 3 or 4 dozen of Poultrey with what other fresh provisions hee shall desire . . . "

year Henry Davison of London Smith is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 Years at £20 p. year.[1]

John Drason Smith is entertained in the Compa. Service for 3 years at £20 p. year.

Adjourned to the 21st Instant.

May 21, 1684

Att a Committee 21*st May* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Weymans
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten	

Ordered the Pattent be taken out of the Iron Chest in order to examine the Coppy with it in the Book of orders the next Committee day.

Sr. James Hayes reporting he has Presented unto Mr. Radison the Silver Tankard[2] this Committee ordered him which this Committee aprove of.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cook & Company Pay these persons & Sums following

To Sr. James Hayes for Disburstments at Law according to a Bill now exhibited By Mr. George Gourst	£60. – –
To Jeremiah Griffeth & the rest of the Porters for worke done in the warehouse	£15. 15. 4
To Mr. Willm. Walker for a Silver tankard[2] Presented to Mr. Radison	£10. 14. –

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 29, the wages of Bass, Allen, Davison and Drason were to commence on arrival in the Bay.

[2] A.1/7, fo. 29d., A.1/81, fo. 41, and A.15/2, fo. 103d., state correctly that this tankard was for Mr. Randolph. See p. 229.

To Nicholas Goodwin or Bearer for 11000 Bricks	£11. 16. –
To John Waters for Lighteridge	£10. 6. –

Adjourned unto next friday at 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

Att a Comittee 23*d May* 1684
Present

May 23, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	

According to the order of the Last comittee the Originall Patent was taken out of the iron chest & openly read and Compaired with the copy in the Book of orders which Said Coppy is now exact according to the Originall.

Ordered that these things following be put into the Iron Chest [1]
Williams Bonds Covenant with the Company dated the 13th Decr. 1683
Richard Lucas Covenant with the Compa. Dated the 20th febry. 1683[-4]
Ditto Bond of £1000 to Performe Covenants of the Same Date
Ditto Declaration of the Same date to Serve the Company
Ditto Oath before a Master of Chancery 2d May 84 About the Interloper Jenings
Ditto his oath of fidellity to the Company
Daniels Lane Covenant with the Compa. Dated the 20th febry. 1683[-4]
Ditto Bond of £1000 to performe Covenants of the Same Date
Ditto his Declaration to Serve the Company of the Same date

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[1] The " things following " have not been found in the Company's archives.

Ditto Oath Before a master of Chancery 2d May 84 about Jenings the Interlopr.
Ditto Oath of fidellity to the Company
A Bond[1] of Capt. N. Walkers Dated the 27th of febry. 1684 Payble. on Demand
Peter Espritt Radisons Receipt of £25 & his oath of fidellity to the Company Dated the 12th may 1684
John Outlaw & Michael Grimingtons Charter Partys Dated 29th March[2] 1683[-4]
Stephen Evance & Willm. Bonds Charter Party dated the 14th March 83[-4]
Leonard Edgcomb & Jon. Wilde Charter Party dated 29th March 1684[3]
all which Writeings above Specified were openly delivered at this board by the Secretary & putt into the Iron Chest as also the Companys Greate Seale[4] Ingreaven upon Steele.

The Letters & Instructions Signed by Sr. James Hayes Mr. Cradock Mr. Walker Mr. Hayward & Mr. Weymans to Govr. Sergent & Captaine Abrahams as also those to Capt. Edgcombe Capt. Bond & Capt. Outlaw with what Else they did at a Committee at Greavesed were now read and approved of.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Company pay unto Sarah Paske for Books & papers £15. 13. –

Adjourned to next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] According to A.1/7, fo. 30, and A.1/81, fo. 41d., this was for £50.

[2] According to A.1/7, fo. 30, and A.1/81, fo. 41d., this should be dated March 4.

[3] The following additional items appear in A.1/7, fo. 30, and A.1/81, fo. 41d.: "Leonard Edgcombes bill of lading Dated 14 May 1684, John Outlaws bill of Lading Dated 14 May 1684, Wm. Bonds bill of Lading Dated 14 May 1684".

[4] This "Great Seale" has not survived.

May 28, 1684

Att a Committee 28*th May* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Letten

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evans & Company Pay unto Mr. Nicholas Hayward for to Sattisfie a Bill charged on the Company By Mr. Morgan Lodge for fresh Provisions he Bought for Mr. Peter Espritt Radison according to a Letter dated the 20th May 1684[1]	£10.	5.	8
To him more for a bill charged on the Company by Mr. James Mell[2] of Deale for Charges Disburt for Richard Lucas & Daniel Lane which is to be placed to the Companys account	£2.	–	–
To him more for a bill Charged on the Company by John Outlaw for repaires on his Ship which must Be placed upon Richard Alie Esq. Acct.	£5.	–	–
To Robert Curtis for flower &c.	£138.	15.	–[3]
To Onesiphorus Albin for ½ a years Sallery due the 14th Instant	£40.	–	–

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[1] This letter has not been found. See p. 245, n. 3.

[2] A.1/7, fo. 30d., and A.1/81, fo. 42, give this name as "Neile".

[3] A.1/7, fo. 30d., A.1/81, fo. 42, and A.15/2, fo. 104, give this amount as £183. 15*s*. 0*d*.

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cook & Company Pay unto Saml. Banner for knives & hatchets	£315. – –[1]
The Secretary humbly moved as formerly he has done that the Comittee would be pleased to augment his Sallery & Consider him for his past Services wch. tooke up a Large Debate and at Last Concluded he Should now have a Grattuety of £100 & that when the Ships Safe arrive from hudsons Bay, he Should be taken into further consideration [2]	£
Ordered Mr. Thomas Cook & Company Pay unto Onesiphorus Albin as a Gratuety as above	£100. – –

Adjourned untill this day Sevenight at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] A.1/7, fo. 30d., A.1/81, fo. 42, and A.15/2, fo. 104, give this amount as £315. 10*s*. 0*d*.

[2] A.1/81, fo. 42, contains a similar entry but A.1/7, fo. 30d., has a fuller entry as follows: " The Secretary now humbley moveing, as he formerly severall times hath done, that the Committee wold be pleased to Augment his Sallery & also to consider him for his past services, he was ordered to withdraw, and the Committee taking his humble request into Consideration, after a long Debate, considering the present condition of the Compa. Did not thinke it fitt at this present to establish an Augmentation of Sallery to him, but well weighing how faithfull & Diligent the Secretary hath been not only in his owne Station, but very serviceable also in all the affaires of the Compa. which was acknowlidged by the whole Committee, It is now ordered that at present a Gratuety shall be given him of £100 :—And the Committee are pleased to promiss for his better Incouragment that when it shall please God the next shipps shall arrive in safty from Hudsons Bay he should be taken into farther consideration."

Att a Committee 4th June 1684
Present

June 4, 1684

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Letten
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Company Pay these Persons and Sums followeing

To the widow Fothersgall for Candles	£13.	7.	–
To Elizabeth Jacobs for Flags	£ 9.	17.	–
To Mary Gilliun for Dresing Cloth	£63.	4.	–
To Francis Mosley for makeing Cloaths	£21.	8.	–
To Ralph Stables for Shooes	£39.	–	–
To Mr. William Walker for Disbursments	£ 9.	6.	9

Governor Nixon now exhibited many reasons why he did alter the Standard of trade. Ordered the Secretary peruse them and view over the Instructions first given him and acquaint the next Committee how he has followed his Instructions & wether he had Power to make any alteration of trade as he has done.[1]

Ordered Mr. Hayward be Desired with the Secretary to take up a £1000 at Interest under the Common Seale of the Company for 6 m. for to Satisfie and pay the Severall Tradesmen the Company are Indebted Unto and if possible to take it up of the members of the Company and with as much privacy as Can be.

Sr. James Hayes haveing Communicated to the Committee his answer to the Governor of New Englands Letter which this Committee aprove of[1]

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[1] See p. 237, n. 2.

Adjourned to next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

June 11, 1684

Att a Committee 11*th June* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

Sr. James Hayes report to the Committee that Councell advice the Company Patent be pleaded for What they have done against interlopers.[2]

Governor Nixsons Case being againe taken into Consideration which tooke up a Large Debate but at Last Concluded to be Differed to some other time.

Sr. James Hayes Mr. Young Mr. Weymans Mr. Letten One. Albin & Capt. Nehemiah Walker haveing been Sworne Before Sr. Richd. Floyd[3] to Give a true Answer unto 5 Allegations made by John Boone John Devall & others which was now joyntly done by Sr. James Hayes Mr. Young Mr. Weymans Mr. Letten & Onesiphorus Albin as to the 1. 2.

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[1] There is no trace of either the letter from New England or a copy of Hayes' reply in the Company's archives.

[2] See Appendix A, pp. 274–78.

[3] This name is given correctly as " Lloyd " on p. 254. Sir Richard Lloyd was an advocate in the High Court of Admiralty from 1674–85.

& 5. allegations but the 3 & 4th must be answered by Capt. Walker.

Adjourned to morrow at Dockters Commons[1] at 9 a Clock in the morning.

Att a Committee 12*th June* 1684 *at Dockters Commons*
Present

June 12
1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans	Wm. Young Esq.

At this Committee Capt. Walker was demanded what he could Say to the 3d & 4th Allegation made by Mr. Charles Boone etc. to the 3d he answers he tooke up the Shipp Called the *Expectation* alias the *Charles* within Hudsons Bay Streights about 70 Leages up those Streaghts etc. as the 4th Allegation he Saith he did not Break bulke of the *Expectation* alias *Charles* ect.

This Committeee now mett and agreed upon an answer to Mr. Charles Boone etc. Allegations which now they deliver to the Companys Procters to be Drawn into forme and method against to Morrow morning to which time they adjourne.

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[1] Giuseppi, *Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the Public Record Office,* I, 283, " The business of the High Court of Admiralty was in past times administered by the doctors in the civil law in the courts in Doctors' Commons, so-called from their place of residence on the south side of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which they obtained a lease in 1570 and subsequently in 1783 the freehold . . ." See Introduction, pp. xx–xxi.

June 13, 1684

Att a Committee 13*th June* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward

The answer of Sr. James Hayes Mr. Young Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans Onesiphorus Albin & Capt. Walker to the Allegations of Mr. Charles Boone etc. were fairely engrosed and presented Before Sr. Richd. Lloyd which this Committee aprove of.[1]

Sr. James Hayes accquaints this Committee he has Spoake wth. Mr. Evans & Company to accomodate the Company with £600 at Common Int. which they are willing to doe which this Committee approve of. Ordered the Secretary give them Cr. for the Same from this day.

By reason Capt. Walker has given his attendance at Severall Committees Ordered Mr. Wm. Walker pay him £2 as a Gratuety.

Adjourned to wednesday next a 3 a Clock in the Afternoone.

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[1] See Appendix A, pp. 283–85.

Att a Comittee 18th June 1684
Present

June 18, 1684

Sr. James Hayes
Sr. Edwd. Dering
Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Cradock
Mr. Hayward

Ordered Mr. Thomas Cooke & Company pay these persons & Sum's following

To Henry Foster for breed	£15.	14.	–
To Charles Bridgar for Sayles	£23.	–	–
To Richard Scott in full for Cloth	£12.	10.	–
To John Edwards for Cases & Cooperidge	£ 4.	12.	–
To Thomas Fryer for Salt	£ 6.	–	–
To John Gore for Shirts etc.	£30.	17.	–
To Robt. Hoe for weights & Scales	£23.	7.	–
To John Bridgar for Cooperidge	£32.	12.	–
To Robt. Hall for a Drum & Drum heads	£ 2.	4.	–
To John Back for Candles for the Hall	£ 5.	–	–
To Thomas Owen for Deales	£17.	10.	–
	£137.	6.	–[1]

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Company pay these Persons & Sum's following

To Robt. Spencer for Shalloops	£27.	10.	–
To John Hartwell on acct. of Guns	£50.	–	–
To Joseph Stacey on acct. of Guns	£100.	–	–
To Thomas Sellon on acct. of Guns	£50.	–	–
To John Freeman on acct. of Powder	£100.	–	–
To John Lyons on acct. of Shott &c.	£100.	–	–
To Humphrey Pickford on acct. of Guns	£100.	–	–
To Edward Lascells on acct. of Tobacco	£100.	–	–
To Edward Harris on Acct. of Blacketts	£100.	–	–
To Wm. Walker on acct. of Disbursments	£13.	2.	–
	£740.	12.	–

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[1] In A.1/81, fo. 43d., this total is given correctly as £173. 6*s.* o*d.*

Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans, Capt. Walker & Ones. Albin being yesterday arrested at the Sute of Mr. Charles Boone, for whome Sr. James Hayes & Mr. Nicholas Hayward were bale here below.

Mr. John Nixons Case being againe taken into Consideration which tooke up a large debate at Last the Committee came to this resolution That Mr. Nixon Ballance due to him amot. to £305 Shall be Paid the last of this month to which Sr. Edward Dering does Declare his Dislike in acct. of Mr. Nixons Lowring the Standard of trade which he does beleive will be Prejudiciall to the Company.

Adjourned to Fryday next at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoone.

June 20,
1684

Att a Committee 20*th June* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Hayward
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Weymans
Mr. Letten	

Mr. George Gorst now Exhibited a Bill of Charges at Law Amot. unto £109. 12. 3. Ordered the Same be examined by the whole Committee & report be made thereof against the next Comittee day.

Whereas Sr. James Hayes Mr. Nicholas Hayward, were on the 17th June present bound to the Sherriffs of London in 2 Seaverall bonds each £1000 penalty with Condition to bale before a Judge to the Severall actions of Mr. Charles Boone & John Phipps against Mr. John Letten Mr. Gerrard Weymans, Capt. Nehemiah Walker & Onesiphorus Albin now this Committee doe promise in Behalfe of the Company to Indemnifie Sr. James Hayes Mr. Nicholas Hayward from all Claimes and Demands from all persons touching the Premisses.

Ordered Sr. Chr. Wrens mony be paid the next Committee day ordered the Secretary Cast up the Int. of his mony and bring in an acct. of what is due to him.[1]

Adjourned to next wednesday at 3 of the Clock in the afternoone.

Att a Committee 25th June 1684
Present

June 25, 1684

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Letten
Sr. Edwd. Dering	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esq.	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock	

Capt. Bonds wife humbly requests 5 m. Pay upon her husbands wages ordered She Shall be paid £15.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. Pay unto Capt. Wm. Bonds wife on acct. of her husbands wages £15.

Ordered Mr. Cradock, Mr. Letten be Desired to auditt the Goldsmiths acct. as allso Mr. Gorst & Mr. Travers acct.

Ordered Sr. Edward Dering Mr. Cradock Mr. Letten Mr. Weymans or any two of them be Desired to auditt the Companys Books, the first day to Commence from wednesday next at 9 of the Clock in the morning and give report thereof to the Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Gorst acct. be fairely written out without the names of the Soliciters & att. & Procters & Delivered unto Mr. Cradock & Mr. Letten.

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[1] See p. 117. A.15/2, fo. 105, July 1, 1684, " Sr. Chris. Wren Dr. to Stephen Evens & Compa. £212 assigned him to receive for principall & Interest ". Ibid., " The Accte. Int. Dr. to Sr. Chris. Wren £12 for Int. £200 for 12 m. at 6 p.c.".

Ordered that any adventurer may at any time in presence of the Secretary transferr his Interest without a Committee unless he be Indebted to the Compa. in Such Case the Committee is first to Be acquainted therewith before any transferr be made.

Adjourned unto next friday at 3 a Clock in the afternoone.

June 27, 1684

Att a Committee 27*th June* 1684
Present

Sr. James Hayes	Mr. Walker
Wm. Young Esq.	Sr. Edwd. Dering
Mr. Cradock	Mr. Hayward
Mr. Weymans	Mr. Letten

Mr. Young reporting he has been with Mr. Horneby & Company[1] who are willing to lend the Company a £1000 Upon the Common Seale of the Company at 6 p. Cent which this Committee doe approve of Ordered that a bond be Prepared accordingly of which Mr. Younge is Desired to acquaint them it Shall be made ready against to Morrow at this board.

Adjourned tomorrow at 10 of the Clock in the forenoone.

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[1] F. G. Hilton Price, *A Handbook of London Bankers* . . . (London, 1890–91), p. 91, " Horneby, Joseph and Nathaniel. Joseph and Nathaniel Hornboy (spelt thus) were keeping running-cashes at the Star in Lumberd Street, in 1677 . . . The loss sustained by the closing of the Exchequer no doubt injured them considerably, as no interest was paid for some years; and on January 12, 1701, the *London Gazette* announced that they were bankrupts."

Att a Committee 28th June 1684
Present

June, 28
1684

Sr. James Hayes
Wm. Young Esq.
Mr. Letten
Mr. Weymans
Mr. Walker
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Cradock

The Bond Prepared for Mr. Jos. Horneby & Nathl. Horneby of London Goldsmiths Datted this day for £1000 Borrowed of them this day was now read and approved of which was Sealed with the Companys Seale & Signed in these words. By Command of the Deputy Govr. & Committee of the Hudsons Bay Company Onesiphorus Albin Secretary.[1]

Ordered Mr. Jos. Horneby & Mr. Nathl. Horneby Pay these Persons & Sums followeing

To Sr. Chris. Wren in full for Principall & Int. to this day	£212.	–	–
To John Nixon in full of his Sallery & all acct.	£305.	–	–
To Mr. John Gorst for Law affaires	£113.	–	–
To John Hartwell in full for Guns	£ 52.	3.	–
To Rich. Johnson in full for Soape	£ 12.	19.	–

[1] A.1/7, fo. 34, at a Committee, July 1, 1684, "... At a Committee the 27 June last Mr. Young reporting Mr. Joseph Horneby & Compa. were willing to lend the Company £1000 on the Compa. seale and in order thereunto at the Committee 28 June a bond of £1030 was signed & sealed & warrants drawen on them as by that Committee it may appeare But after all was done Mr. Horneby & Compa. refused to accommodate the Compa. yesterday Sr. James Hayes made his application to Mr. Stephen Evance & Compa. desiring them to accomodate the Compa. with £1000 which they readily complied withall. Ordered they should be assured of the repayment of the same under the seal of the Compa. at 6 mo. at 6 p.c. as also for the £600 they lent the Compa. on the 13 June last for 6 m. at 6 p.c. [see p. 254] the bonds for the above two severall summes one for £600 Dated the 13 June & the other for £1000 Dated this Day were sealed with the Compa. seale & signed ..."

To Saml. Austin in full for Lines etc.	£	27.	–	–
To Geo. Wood for Cables	£	52.	14.	–
To Henry Russell for pitch tarr oyl & Salt	£	37.	16.	–
To Phillip Goodwin for butter & Chesses	£	51.	–	–
To Edward Harris in full for blanketts	£	94.	3.	–
To Peter Hudson an acct. of Powder	£	42.	5.	–

By reason Sr. Edward Dering is Sick Ordered that the key of the Iron Chest be Delivered to Mr. Hayward wch. was now accordingly don.

Ordered Mr. Stephen Evance Pay unto Mr. Hudson for Powder £57. 15. –[1]

If any of the Company or Companys Servants be arrested any time at the Sute of the Interlopers Ordered that any 2 of the Committee baile him or them here below & above for which the Companys Stock will bare them harmless for so Doeing.

The Committee is adjourned to the wednesday before Michl. day. but if any business falls out the Secretary is ordered to Sommon them as many of the Committee as are in town and they to Choose whome they please for the Chaire.

[1] A.1/81 ends at this point.

APPENDIX A

CHARLES BOONE, JOHN DAVALL & COMPANY *v.* HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

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I

(*I*) *The Libel. December* 1, 1683[1]

Carolus Boone Johannes Davall et Socii nuper proprietarii Navis the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* cujus Ricardus Lucas erat magister contra navem the *Dilegence* cujus Nehemiah Walker est Capitaneus ejusque etc. necnon quecunque bona res merces et mercimonia in eadem Et contra dictum Walker et alios pro interesse etc. .

1. Imprimis That in the Months of March Aprill May June July and August in the yeare of our Lord 1682 or some of them the said Mr. Charles Boone John Davall and Company were and att this present ought to be the true and lawfull owners and Proprietors of the said Shipp called the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* of which the said Richard Lucas was Commander and of her Tackle Apparrell and furniture and for and as Owners of the said Shippe and her tackle apparrell and furniture the said Charles Boone John Davall and Company were and are generally accounted reputed and taken. . . .

2. Item That the said Mr. Charles Boone Mr. John Davall and Company did within the time aforesaid vizt. about May June or July in the said yeare 1682 fitt and furnish out the said Vessell the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* with all necessaryes and materialls requisite for such a voyage for the space of two yeares and upwards and did designe and sett forth the said Shippe from this Porte of London to the partes of America beyond the Seas upon a trading voyage and discovery for and towards the Northern parts of America as the said Master Richard Lucas and his Company could best discover to be for the best advantage of the setters forth and Proprietors of the said Shipp and goods. . . .

3. Item that the said Mr. Charles Boon Mr. John Davall and Company did within & about the time aforesaid lade & cause the said

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[1] London, Public Record Office, High Court of Admiralty, 24/121, No. 114.

Vessell the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* to be laden with woollen Cloth Callicoes wrought Iron brasse and severall other sortes of Commoditwritten & Merchandises which they thought most proper for the voyage aforesaid which together with the said Shippe tackle and furniture victualls provisions and all necessaryes thereunto belonging and the necessary Charges and disbursements about the putting the same on board and the Customes and other dutyes that were paid and disbursed for the same did and doe amount to the summe of fourteene hundred pounds and eleven shillings and eight pence of lawfull money of England and soe much they were esteemed to be well worth and under that summe they could not buy provide & furnish the same . . .

4. Item That the said Shippe did sett sayle & got forth with the said Cargoe of Goods soe Loaden on board the same by the said Mr. Charles Boone Mr. John Davall & Company under the Command of the said Richard Lucas upon the said voyage of discovery to the North parts of America there to trucke and barter away their said outward bound loading and merchandizes for such goods & Merchandizes as the said Richard Lucas & other the Agents of the said Mr. Boone Mr. Davall and Company should find most convenient and to returne with the same to this Porte of London for the proper Accompt and Adventure of the said Mr. Boone Mr. Davall and Company and soe much was and is true publique and notorious and well knowne to [tear in MS.] Merchants and others in this Porte of London . . .

5. Item that after the said Shippe had beene gone forth near eighteene Months upon the said voyage and was proceeded far towards the North parts of America & was in a very hopefull way of making a successfull voyage the said Nehemiah Walker in and with the said Shippe the *Diligence* did meete with the said Shippe the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* upon the high and open Seas within the jurisdiction of the high Courte of the Admiralty of England and did sett upon and by force and violence take and seize the said Shippe the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* and her tackle and furniture and all her goods ware and Merchandizes that were sett forth in the same (saving the victualls and provisions which the Master and Company had eaten and spent) upon or about the day of in this present yeare 1683 and did violently dispossesse and turne the said Richard Lucas and his Company out of the said Shipp the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* and did by the force aforesaid take the said Shippe and goods aforesaid into his owne possession and beate and forced the said Richard Lucas and his Company and marriners or most of them out of their said Shippe and tooke them into his said Shippe the *Diligence* and carryed them up and downe as Prisoners and tooke what goods and

materialls he pleased out of the said Shippe the *Expectacion* alias the *Charles* and then disposed of the said Shippe and all the rest of the goods materialls and merchandizes as hee the said Nehemiah Walker and his Company did thinke best and according to the good will and pleasure of them the said Nehemiah Walker and his Company to the utter overthrowe ruine and distruction of the said voyage and designe of the said Mr. Boone Mr. Davall and Company and this was and is true publicke and notorious etc. . . .

6. Item That in case the said voyage and designe of the said Mr. Boone Mr. Davall and Company had not been soe frustrated overthrowne and destroyed as aforesaid by the said Walker and Company they might in all probability have doubled their said Money which they soe disbursed and laid out in the buying providing fitting and furnishing the said Shippe and goods and soe much and after that rate and proporcion other Masters and Merchants have gotten and gained upon the same or the like voyage where they have not beene interrupted and hindred and this was and is true publique and notorious . . .

(II) *The Company's Interrogations.*[1] *Undated*

1. Inprimis let every wittnesse be asked what quality estate or condition he is of, what he is worth in his own proper Estate his Debts being paid. att whose request he cometh to testifye in this cause & whether he is promised or expecteth any thing for his testimony, and by whom soe promised and when to be paid: let them declare the truth by vertue of theire Oathes . . .

2. Item let every pretended wittnesse be asked whether he hath not bin taught what or how to depose in this cause, and hath not received some particular instructions what to say or depose in this suite, and if he hath bin soe instructed let him set downe the name or names of such persons that soe instructed him; & let them likewise be asked when they received the Sacrament of the Lords supper last, and in what parish church from whose hands . . .

3. Item did you know the ship *Expectation* (alias the *Charles*) whereof one Richard Lucas (was the pretended Master) when she last sailed from England, doe you know what particular goods Merchandizes and money was in the said shipp att the time of her departure from London or any part of England, and what was the true value of the said ship and Cargoe to yr. knowledge or as you have heard and beleive, and who were the particular Owners and proprietors of the said ship and Cargoe or either

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A. 23/22, No. 72.

or any parte of them either directly or indirectly in their own Names or in the Names of any person for them. Had you any interest or share in the said ship or Cargoe or any other person for yr. use or in trust for you, set down who by name, and set down what interest or share you had in the said ship or Cargoe or any other person for your use . . .

4. Item Let every pretended wittnesse be asked how long they have knowne the partyes litigant in this cause, and whom they favour most and would give the cause or victory to, if it lay in their power, or whether they have any quarrell suite or enimity against any person concerned in this buisinesse, and if soe let them expresse what the cause quarrell suit or enmity is and against whom or which of the partys let them name and set downe . . .

5. Item Let every pretended witnesse be asked uppon what account the ship goods & money were the said last voyage or voyage mencioned in this cause sent, uppon what account of trading & to what places, and Coasts, & ports the said ship entred in the Custom house & after what manner where was the Custom paid & how much did it amount to, to what parts and places was the said ship bound, and to whom were the said goods money and lading consigned; what is become of the said ship, and goods, whether taken by force or cast away: when was she taken or cast away, & uppon what Coast or place, uppon what occasion or neglect . . .

6. Item Let every wittnesse be asked whether he or they doe not know or have heard, of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudsons Bay, by grant and patent under the broad Seale of England; have you not seene & perused the same or a Coppy thereof. Were you not heretofore some time a Member of the said Company, or one of the Comittee chosen out of the Members of the said Company, did you not take an Oath of fidelity to the said Company, and doe you not know have seene or heard that in the said patent under the broad Seale of England whereby the said Company is incorporated, that there is a clause in the said Letters patents to prohibit all persons to trade within the streights of Hudsons Bay, or within any of the Territoryes of the said streights; unlesse they have leave or Licence from the said Hudsons Bay Company; had the said ship the *Expectation* alias the *Charles*, any leave or Licence from the said Hudsons Bay Company to trade into the said Bay or Streightes, or any of the proprietors or Owners of the said ship declare the truth: what date doeth the same beare . . .

7. Item were there any Invoice or Invoyces, Bill or Bills of Ladeing of any of the Goods Wares or Merchandizes shipt on board the said ship, were there any instructions by writeing or by word of Mouth given concerning the disposall of the said Ship and Cargoe, if soe what were the

contents of sd. Invoices & Bills of Ladeing what were the instructions set downe, who gave the same and to whom were the same directed, or doe you know where any Coppy or coppyes of the said instructions doe now remaine; if you doe name in whose possession or custody the said instructions now are . . .

(III) *Interrogations by Charles Boone and Co. March* 8, 10 *and* 11, 1683–4[1]

1. Inprimis Interrogetur cuilibet &c. whether Richard Lucas was not Mar. and Daniel Lane one of the Company or Marriners belonging to the Shipp the *Expectacion* in the voyage now in Controversy wherein she was taken by the said Nehemiah Walker? Were not the said Richard Lucas and Daniel Lane employed by the said Mr. Charles Boone John Davall and Company in the said voyage? What wages they or either of them was to have, & what and how much have they or either of them had and from whome? and what did they or either of them carry out in the said Shippe & to what value? and what or how much did they or either of them loose by the taking of the said Shipp? and what sattisfaccion have they or either of them had are promised or expect to receive and from whome? . . .

2. Item Interrogetur whether the said Richard Lucas and Daniel Lane both or one of them are not now in the Society of the persons called the Hudsons bay Company or are suddenly to goe in the said employmt.? and what are they or either of them to have for the voyage or for their monthly wages? and how came they to be produced in this cause? what have they promised to sweare or depose in the said buisinesse? and what have they received are promised or expect to receive in this buisinesse and from whom? was not the said Richard Lucas and Daniel Lane imprisoned or arrested by the said Hudsons bay Company or some of them or some other by their order? and by whome and on what occion? and when and how long hath the said Daniel Lane been released from the said accion and by whom and upon what acct.? did not hee promise that if hee might bee released hee would come to this Courte [?] and sweare for the said Company agt. the said Mr. Boone and partners? or was not something said or expressed to that or the like effect and purpose? Let him declare The whole truth by vertue of his oath . . . .

3. Item Interrogetur quilibet whether he doth knowe beleive or hath heard that the Ship *Expectacion* of which the said Richard Lucas was Commander which was taken by the said Nehemiah Walker did cost the

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A. 23/22, No. 17.

said Mr. Charles Boone and the rest of the owners with the Cargoe of goods that were sent in the same the summe of Fifteen hundred pounds or neare thereabouts? or howe much did the same cost and stand the [sic] the Owners in as hee knoweth or beleiveth? what goods had the said Ship in her when she was seized? where was she taken? when? and by whome? and by what pretended authority? and how many Leagues distance was she from Hudsons bay where the Hudsons bay Company usually trade? did the said Company ever trade or had any Commerce in that place where the said Shipp was taken or was itt possible they could? Lett each declare the truth by vertue of his oath . . .

4. Item Interrogetur quilibet whether the said Shipp *Expectacion* did after her departure from England stopp att any port or place to trade or traffique before [she] was taken by the said Walker? had she not all the goods in her that shee carryed out of England when shee was taken by the said Walker? did not the said Walker soone after he had taken her declare that hee had a mind to sinke her? and was shee not soone after cast away upon a Rocke by the said Walkers owne men whome hee had put into her within a League or thereabouts of the place whether the said Walker had ordered his men to carry her and howe many Leagues doth hee conceive they had sailed her before they cast her away? and howe many dayes had they beene in possession of her? howe many men were on board the *Expectation* when shee was taken? and did not the said Walker take out the Mar. and those men that belonged unto her except one or two and kept them as prisoners in his owne Ship and put his owne men on board of the *Expectacon* Let each declare the truth to each pticuler by vertue of his oath . . .

5. Item Interrogetur quilibet whether hee doth not know or hath heard or doth beleive that the said Capt. Walker did severall times in yor. hearing after hee had taken the said Shipp the *Expectacion* say that hee was sorry hee had taken her and that it was to doe againe hee would not doe it? and did not hee seeme much troubled for it? and did not hee say itt might bee his ruine or to that effect? and that he had done that wch. hee could not justify or to that purpose? and did not you declare to some of the Owners words to that effect and that you hoped they would prosecute the said Walker for his undue or illegall taking the said Shipp and Cargoe and that you would doe all that you could for the recovery of yor. owne losse or did not you say to that or the like effect and purpose? . . .

6. Item Interrogetur quilibet whether some means was not used or some money or reward given or promised to him or some other by some of the Hudsons bay Company or some other on their behalfe? & what? and by whome about May 1682 or some other time that hee should

neglect spoyle or prejudice or overthrow the said voyage of the said Ship the *Expectacion* as much as hee could? and did hee about July following in the said yeare 1682 come with the said Ship the *Expectacion* from Falmouth to Dartmouth without order from the Owners and did there lay up the said Shipp? and did not the said Owners or some of them send a Messenger from London or some other place to him to require him to goe forward upon his voyage and yet did not hee neglect the same contrary to their orders? and let each bee asked what money hee had upon bottomry the said voyage and what goods hee carryed forth and to what value? & what sattisfaction is made or promised unto him and by whome? Let him declare the truth to each pticuler by vertue of his oath . . .

7. Item Interrogetur Richardus Lucas whether after he came home hee did not give an acct. to his owners of the seizing the said Ship and goods by the said Walker? and whether hee did not make oath of the truth thereof? and whether the Schedule or paper hereunto annexed bee not the narrative that hee soe gave and whether itt is not written and subscribed with his owne hand & whether the Contents thereof are not true and whether hee did not swear the same before the now Lord Mayor? . . .

8. Item Interrogetur quilibet of what Judgment hee is as to his Religion? how often hath hee received the Sacrament the Lords Supper and when and where did hee receive itt last and from whome? what is hee worth of his owne estate his debts being paid? And lett each bee charged by vertue of his Oath not to discover to any person what questions have beene asked him or what Answers hee hath made to the same or any parte thereof untill after publication granted by this Courte . . .

(*IV*) *Thomas Phipps' Evidence, February* 11, 1683–4[1]

Thomas Phipps parœciae Sancti Petri Cornhill
London Linnen Draper aetatis suae 30 et ultra
Testis in hac parte productus juratus et examinatus

Ad primum articulum dicte actionis deponit et dicet That he did very well know The Ship *Expectation* and is well acquainted with Mr. Charles Boon and John Davall the partyes aforesaid and he sayth That he well knowes that the said Mr. Boon and Mr. Devall and Company to wit Mr. John Phipps and Mr. Alexander Jenings were within [his knowledge] Owners & Proprietors of the said Shipp her Tackle Apparrell & furniture and for such comonly accompted reputed and taken Et aliud nescit saveing That the aforesaid Richard Lucas went out in the said Ship and as was discovered took upon him the care and management of the said Ship as Master.

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/79.

Ad Secundum Articulum dicte actionis deponit et dicit That He this Deponent was privy to the same agreements and Contracts made about the voyage in question And has now the Councill about the said voyage in his hands and therefore very well knowes and sayth That the aforesaid Mr. Boone Mr. John Daval and Company did within the the time aforesaid fit & furnish the said Vessell the *Expectation* with materyalls and necessaryes and did designe her for a tradeing voyage from hence to the Northerne part of America Et aliud nescit.

Ad tertium articulum dicte accionis deponit et dicit That Mr. John Phipps Owner of a Quarter part of the Ship *Expectation* now in America did intrust this Deponent with the management of his said part and concerne in the said Ship and Ladeing And he sayth that that said Ship was within the time predeposed of by & for Accompt of her said Owners laden in this Port with woollen Cloath Calicoes wrought Iron and Brasse And he sayth that the said Mr. Phipps did before his goeing to America pay some part of his proportion for the said Ship & Ladeing at wch. this Deponent was present and this Deponent since his departure did by his Order compleat make up and pay the residue And did take a particular accompt as well of the said Mr. Phipps payments as his Own And sayth That in all the said payments made for the Quarter part of the said Ship and Ladeing belonging to the said Mr. Phipps did & doe amount to the sume of three hundred Ninety three pounds twelve shillings and Nine pence Et aliud nescit.

Ad quartum et quintum articulos dicte accionis nescit pro parte sua.

Ad Sextum articulum dicte accionis deponit et dicit That he hath known goods carryed out from hence have at America bin barter'd for goods wch. have yeilded more then four times the goods cost here that they were barter'd for Et aliud nescit . . .

Ad Interrogatoria . . .

Ad tertium That he knew the Ship *Expectation* when her Capt. sayld from the River of Thames And sayth that he was a board her when shee was here and knowes that shee was laden with Woollen cloath Calicoes Wrought Iron & brasse And that the Owners were as followeth viz. Charles Boon Owner of a quarter part of the Ship *Expectation* & Ladeing John Davall of another qr. part of the said Ship & Ladeing John Phipps Owner of another qr. part of the said Ship & Ladeing and Alexander Jennings Owner of the remaining qr. part of the said Ship and Ladeing and he sayth That the quarter part of the said Ship & ladeing as aforesaid belonging to the said Mr. Phipps did of this Deponents knowledge cost him £393. 12*s*. 9. and believes That that and the other severall parts were severally worth so much at the time of the Ships setting Sayl from England by reason he hath heard the said Mr. Phipps before his departure from hence say That he hath bin offered profit for his quarter part or share He this Deponent as Agent for the said Mr. Phipps haveing likewise since his departure bin offer'd to take off the said quarter part And give him whatsoever it cost him And he further sayth that he never had any Share or interest in the Ship or Ladeing interests otherwise then as consern'd for the said Mr. Phipps Et aliud nescit.

Ad quartum Interrogatorium respondet That he hath known all the parties interrogate for these severall years last past And he sayth That he favours both parties alike and that if it were in his power to give the better therein he would give it to him or them that has most right thereto Et aliud nescit.

Ad quintum articulum dicte accionis deponit et dicit That the Ship & Ladeing were designed to the North parts of America and that entryes were made in the Custome house but for what voyage he remembereth not. Et aliud nescit.

Ad sextum Interrogatorium respondet That he hath seen the Patent under the broad seal of England for the tradeing into Hudsons Bay And that the persons to whom the said Patent is granted and by the said Patent made a body corporate styled the Governor & Company of Adventurers of England tradeing to Hudsons Bay And he sayth That he was formerly a Member of the said Company And one of the Committee chosen out of them And that he did as he believes upon his being chosen of the Committee take an Oath to be faithfull to the trust reposed in him Et aliud nescit saveing that he believes there is a clause in the said Patent prohibiting all Ships saveing those belonging to the said Company or those hired by them tradeing to Hudsons Bay.

Ad Septimum Interrogatorium respondet That he this Respondent had given to him by Mr. Lucas who went in the Ship *Expectation* a paper which he told this Respondent was an Invoyce of the goods aboard wch. by Order this Respondent did (without reading) deliver to Leigh Esq. Or some other who was concern'd in the insurance of the said Ship & ladeing Et aliud nescit pro parte sua. . .

(*V*) *Daniel Lane's Evidence. March* 12, 1683–4[1]

Daniel Lane parœciae Ste. Mariæ Aldermary
London Nauta ætatis suae 30 aut eo circiter Testis
in hac parte productus juratus et examinatus. . .

Ad Septimum Octavum et 9m Articulos dicte accionis deponit et dicit That in the month of April 1682 He this Deponent being then a Covenant Servant of the Hudsons Bay Company was hyred by the aforesaid Mr. Charles Boon Mr. John Davall two of the Owners of the aforesaid Ship *Expectation* and likewise by Mr. Alexander Jennings one other of the Owners to serve them in a voyage wch. they designed to Hudsons Bay upon an interlopeing Account And this Deponent was by this agreement to have four pounds p. month and the aforesaid Richard Lucas was likewise at the rate of six pounds p. month hyred to goe as Master in Such Service and the said Lucas did give bond for his fidelity in the said imploy And two others likewise who had bin in the Service of the said Hudsons Bay Company were likewise hyred for Such Service And the said Mr. Boon and Company and the said Richard Lucas had afterwards severall meetings and consultacions And dyscourses about the carrying on & concealing their said designe of interlopeing and the said Mr. Boon and Company did at such meetings express their knowledge that there was such a Company as the Hudsons Bay Company and that they had a Patent but withall added that their Patent was of no force or power but onely to skare people from tradeing to Hudsons Bay or to that effect And this Deponent sayth That the said Mr. Boon and Company after they had secured the said Richard Lucas this Deponent and some others for their Service they did fit and furnish the said Ship *Expectation* and did lade or cause to be laden aboard her Gunns powder Shott Kettles Cloath and severall other comodities And he sayth That after the said Ladeing was put aboard her the said Ship and Cargoe the better to colour the designe of interlopeing was entred for the Canaryes and then set Sayl from hence to Dartmouth where shee was victualled for about eighteen monthes And the said Ship being soe fitted laden & victualled and the said Richard Lucas receiving Orders from the said Mr. Boon & Company (which this Deponent hath seen) to make his best and most expeditious way for Hudsons Bay shee set sayl from Dartmouth intending directly for Hudsons Bay but the wind not favouring but comeing about to the west and blowing hard the said Ship with her Ladeing came back and put in againe at Dartmouth from whence the said Richard Lucas acquainted the said Mr. Boon & Company with their proceedings and the said Ship was by Order of her Owners there unrigg'd unladen and layd up Et aliud nescit.

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/79.

Ad decimum Articulum dicte accionis deponit et dicit That the said Ship *Expectation* being layd up at Dartmouth as aforesaid Richard Lucas her Master in the month of April 1683 receiving Orders (which this Deponent hath seen) from the said Mr. Boon & Company to proceed upon the voyage to Hudsons Bay did with her Ladeing and Company aboard set Sayl from Dartmouth directly for Hudsons Bay, into the Streights of wch. shee arrived about the beginning of July following And after shee had Sayled about fifty Leagues up the Streights and was stearing directly for Hudsons Bay upon the accompt aforesaid shee was with her Ladeing aboard taken and seized by Capt. Nehemiah Walker Comander of the Ship *Diligence* then in the service of the said Hudsons Bay Company Et aliud nescit . . .

Ad Interrogatoria

Ad primum Interrogatorium respondet That He this Deponent was Mariner and the interrogatee Lucas Master of the Ship *Expectation* on the voyage in question and at the time of her seizure and were hyred for Such Service by the interrogatee Mr. Boon & Compa. this Respondent at 4 *li.* and the sd. Lucas at 6 *li.* p. month That he this Respondent hath recd. from Mr. Boon & Mr. Jennings twelve pounds in part of his wages That he this Respondent carryed out upon his own adventure about 14 or 15 *li.* in value all wch. & Chest of Cloathes and what he had aboard were lost by the takeing of the Ship *Expectation* That he hath not received is promised Or expects to receive any satisfaction for his said losse Et aliud nescit.

Ad 2um Interrogatorium respondet That the interrogatee Lucas and this Respondent are both engaged in the Service of the Company interrogate And are about 2 months hence to goe a voyage for wch. this Respondent is to have 30*s.* p. month That he comes at the request of the Secretary of the Hudsons Bay Company to be a witnes in this cause and hath not received is promised or expects to receive anything for his Testimony herein That he this Respondent was arrested & imprisoned at the suit of the Company of Hudsons Bay in an Accion of 3000 *li.* From wch. he was about three weeks since by the charity & goodnesse onely of the said Company and upon no other account that he knowes of released. Et aliud nescit et pro parte sua respondet negative.

Ad tertium Interrogatorium respondet That he hath heard that the Ship *Expectation* interrogate and Ladeing did cost Mr. Boon & Company Owners between fifteen & Sixteen hundred pounds That the said Ship at the time of her being seiz'd had aboard Gunns powder Shott Cloath

Knives and other small wares That shee was taken as he best remembers about the beginning of July 1683 by Capt. Nehemiah Walker Comander of the Ship *Diligence* belonging to the Hudsons bay Company by virtue as he sayd of a Commission from the said Company That the said Ship at the time of her being taken was about 250 Leagues from the place in Hudsons Bay where the Hudsons Bay Company did usually trade and he sayth That the said Hudsons bay Company never had any trade or Comerce in the place where the said Ship was taken Et aliud nescit.

Ad quartum Interrogatorium respondet That the Ship *Expectation* did not Stop or touch at any Port or place to trade in after her departure from England before shee was taken by the interrogatee Walker but had at the time of her being seiz'd all the goods which shee carryed out from hence And he sayth That after the said Walker had by those he had put aboard bin in possession of the said Ship about a fortnight and had sayld her about 250 Leagues shee was cast away upon the Rocks about a Leagues distance from the place where the said Walker had order'd her to be carryed. That there was in all thirteen belonging to the Ship *Expectation* at the time of her being seized and that the said Walker upon seizing the said Vessell did take out all her Company and clapt his own Men aboard in whose possession & Command shee was at the time of her being cast away Et aliud nescit . . .

(*VI*) *The Charter Expounded. March* 6, 1683–4[1]

1. Imprimis that our Soveraigne Lord Charles the second . . . did . . . grant unto the most Illoustrious Prince Rupert Duke of Bavaria the Illustrious Christopher Duke of Albermarle and Severall other noble Lords and Knights and Barronetts and others to be a Company and one body Corporate and politque in deed and in name . . .

2. Item that by the said Letters Pattents there is granted unto them a perpetuall Succession and Liberty to purchase Lands etc. and . . . they may plead and be impleaded . . . and have and use a Common Seale . . .

3. Item the said Governor and Company hath by the said Charter or Letters Pattents Granted severall Libertyes Priviledges Jurisdictions and immunityes etc. amongst others to Elect Governours Committees and Deputy Governours who are to take oathes faithfully to Execute their Severall offices and the Like.

4. Item that his majesty hath . . . also granted . . . the sole trade and commerce of all those seas streights Bayes Rivers Lakes Creeks and

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 24/121, No. 124.

Sounds in whatever Latitude they shall be that lye within the Entrance of the Streights commonly called the Hudsons Streights together with all the Landes and territoryes upon the Countrys coastes and Confines of the Seas Bays Lakes Rivers Creeks and Sounds aforesaid that are not allready actually possessed by or granted to any of the subjects of any other Christian princes or states with the fishing of all sorts of fish Whales Sturgeons and all other Royall fishes in the seas Bayes Isletts and Rivers with the premisses and the fish there taken together with the royallty of the sea upon the Coasts within the limitts aforesaid and all royall mines as well discovered as not discovered of Gold Silver Gems and precious stones . . . and that the said Land to be from thence forth reckoned and reputed as one of his majestys plantacions or Collonyes in America called Ruperts Land and made the said Governor and Company absolute Lords and proprietors of the same Territoryes Limitts and places aforesaid saveing subjection to our soveraigne Lord the King his heires and successors . . .

5. Item that our soveraigne Lord King Charles hath also by the said Letters pattents granted to the said Governor and Company and their successors and their factors to use and enjoy not only the whole intire and only trade and Traffique and whole intire and only liberty use and priviledge of tradeing and Traffiquing to and from the Territoryes Limitts and places aforesaid but also the whole and intire trade and traffique to and from all havens Bayes and Creeks Rivers Lakes and Seas into which they shall find entrance and passage by water or Land out of the Territoryes limitts and places aforesaid and to and with all the Natives and people inhabiting or which shall inhabit within the Territoryes Limitts and places aforesaid and to and with all other nations inhabiting on any of the coasts adjacent to the said Territoryes and that the said Territoryes . . . nor any parte thereof . . . shall be visited frequented or haunted by any of the subjects of his Majesty his heirs and successors but also our Soveraigne Lord the King by his said Letters Pattents doth streightly Charge Command and prohibit all his subjects of what degree or quality soever they be that none of them directly or indirectly do visit haunt frequent or Trade Traffique adventure by way of Merchantdize into or from any the said Territoryes . . . other then the Governore and Company and such particular persons as now bee or hereafter shall be of the said Company their Agents Factors and assignes unlesse it be by the licence and agreement of the said Governor and Company in writeing first had and obteined under their Common Seal to be granted upon paine that every such person or persons as shall trade traffique into or from any the Countrys Territorys or Limitts aforesaid other than the said Governor and Company and their

successors shall incurr his Majestys Indignacion and the forfeiture and losse of the said goods . . . and the said Governour and Company shall seaze all such goods that they shall finde take and seize in other places out of the dominions of our soveraigne Lord the King where the said Company their agents factors or ministers shall trade traffique or inhabit by vertue of the said Letters Patents as also the Shipp and Shippes with the furniture thereof wherein such goods . . . shall be brought or found and the persons so offending to suffer such other punishment as shall be thought meet as in the Letters Pattents more at Large relacion thereunto being had doe appear . . .

6. Item the Kings most Excellent Majesty by his said Letters Pattents hath farther granted . . . free liberty and lycence in case they conceive it necessary to send either shipps of warr men and ammunition unto any of their Plantacions forts Factoryes or places of trade aforesaid for the security and defence of the same and also full power and authority to seize upon the persons of all such English or any other of his majestyes subjects which shall sail into Hudsons Bay or inhabitt in any of the Countrys Islands and Territoryes by the said Letters Pattents granted without leave or Lycence first obtained and the persons so offending shall be Lyable to such punishments as is expressed in the said pattent reference being thereto had may more playnly appear and the said Letters pattents doe require the Assistance of all Admiralls Vice Admiralls Justices Mayors etc. . . .

7. Item that the said Charles Boone John Devall and Company owners of the Shipp the *Expectacion* who the partyes proponent do desire may be particularly specified did know of the said Letters Pattents before mencioned and the privileges therein granted and the penaltyes therein inflicted upon those that should trade contrary to the same and did know that according to the said Letters Pattents there was a governor and Company settled according to the said Letters pattents and that they had Forts Collonyes and drove the trade accordingly and that no person ought to trade to the said places . . . and this was and is true Publique and Notorious and was not only knowne to the said Charles Boone John Davall and Company owners of the said Shipp the *Expectacion* but also to the master of the said Shipp and marriners of the said belonging . . .

8. Item That not withstanding the premisses the said Charles Boone John Davall and Company owners of the said Shipp the *Expectacion* in Contempt of his Sacred Majestys Common Charter or Letters Pattents aforesaid and allso of his Royall Prerogative did fitt and furnish or cause to be fitted or furnished out the said Shipp the *Expectacion* on a voyage or Interloping trade directly for Hudsons Bay or some place within the

Limitts and bounds mencioned in the said Common Charter or Letters Pattents afforesaid . . . and that the said Shipp was by them or their orders laden with goods wares and merchantdizes Guns Powder Shott Kettles and the like to be there sold or Bartered away for their use and they did by themselves or some other by their Order Hyre the said Richard Lucas to goe Master and severall other Marriners who had been in the said Companys service to goe in the said voyage . . . and they or some of them with others and the Master and some or one of the Marriners had severall or att least one consult[ation] how to carry on the said designe and about the Months January February and March 1681 about hyreing of men and how to coller and hide the said designe from the Governour and Company of Hudsons Bay aforesaid . . .

9. Item that upon such consultacions a cargoe was provided and they the said owners did hyre the said Richard Lucas at 6 *li.* per month and took bond of him to perform the said voyage and one Daniell Lane who was a Covenanted Servant of the said Governor and Company they agreed for four pounds per month and to Cover the said Inter-lopeing designe the said Shipp and Cargoe was Entered for the Canaryes and victualled for 17 months and the said Lane sent out of the way that the Hudsons Bay Company might not sease him and that in the month of June 1682 or thereabouts the said owners of the *Expectacion* sent their orders to the said Master to sayle for Hudsons Bay and they went to Dartmouth and there took in their provisions and set saile for the said Interloping voyage for Hudsons Bay aforesaid but the Wind comeing about to the West and the Season being far spent the said Shipp returned unto Dartmouth and the Master acquainted the said Charles Boon John Davall and others there with and by their order laid up the said Shipp . . .

10. Item that the Shipp being laid up the said Richard Lucas Daniell Lane or one of them came to London to the said owners and were by them desired to stay till the spring following and then they should proceed on the said voyage which they did accordingly and that in aprill 1683 or thereabouts the said Mr. Charles Boone and Mr. John Davall and other owners of the said Shipp or some or one of them did order the said Shipp to proceed on the said Interlopeing voyage to Hudsons Bay and that according to their orders the said Ship with the Ladeing did sett sayle for Hudsons Bay and did enter into the Streights of Hudsons Bay on or about the beginning of July 1683 in case the said Shipp was seized by Capt. Nehemiah Walker which the party proponent do not confesse but deny yet the said Shipp was seazed about 30 Leagues of the Cape Charles within Hudsons Bay Streights and was then stearing directly for Hudsons Bay upon an Interlopeing trade according to the directions of Mr. Charles

Boone Mr. John Davall Mr. Alexander Jennings Mr. John Phipps or Mr. Thomas Phipps and Company owners of the said Shipp the *Expectacion* or some one of them . . .

(*VII*) *The Charter Challenged. April* 30, 1684[1]

Suckley:

1. In primis That the Shipp the *Diligence* whereof Nehemiah Walker was Commander was hired employed or freighted by the pretended Company of Adventurers of England trading to Hudsons Bay or by some or one of them in the yeare of our Lord 1683 last past . . . and he the said Nehemiah Walker or some other of the said Shippes Company had orders and directions given unto them under the hand of Onesiphorus Alban as Clarke or Secretary of the said Company to take seize surprize sinke or burne the said Shipp the *Expectation* Whereof Richard Lucas was Commander wherever he should find or meete with her or any other Shipp any where in Hudsons bay . . .

2. Item That the aforesaid Onesiphorus Alban doth usually signe all orders Instructions and writings that relate to the said Company after the Committee have given directions for the doing thereof which directions are usually taken by the said Alban in a Booke kept for that purpose called the Minutes Booke or booke for Memorandums of what is ordered by the said Committee and that such directions as aforesaid were given to the said Alban about the time aforesaid by Sir James Hayes deputy Governor of the said Hudsons Bay Company Wm. Yong Esq. John Letton and Gerrard Weymans Merchant or by some of them or some other persons as a Committee for the said Company for that aforesaid yeare 1683 . . . and that the said Alban did draw up and give such orders and directions as aforesaid to the said Nehemiah Walker or some other of the said Company . . .

3. Item that the said Shipp the *Expectation* alias the *Charles* was in the said yeare 1683 taken and seized by the said Nehemiah Walker in the said Shipp the *Diligence* by force and violence by vertue or colour of the power or Authority given unto him by the orders aforesaid and the said Richard Lucas Master of the said Shipp the *Expectation* and all or the greatest parte of the men were taken out of the said Shipp and kept as prisoners and as such brought backe to England and yet the said Shipp the *Expectation* was not when she was soe seized as aforesaid nor had beene during the voyage aforesaid within the space of three hundred Leagues or some other great distance of the place called Hudsons bay neither had she

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 24/121, No. 140.

traded or could possibly trade att any port harbour or place that the said Hudsons bay Company doe or can pretend any right or title unto . . .

4. Item That soone after the said Nehemiah Walker and Company had taken the said Ship the *Expectation* as aforesaid 300 Leagues from Hudsons Bay the said Walker and Company tooke severall goods out of the said Ship the *Expectation* and then carryed her downe to or neare Hudsons bay aforesaid and there stranded or cast away on the shoare or on a Rocke joyning to the Shoare or Land and the Loading that was saved or the greatest or some parte thereof was carryed to Hudsons bay Factory and there sold and disposed by them or brought backe to this Port of London and applyed to their or some of their uses and benefits and the said Nehemiah Walker did declare before he went the said voyage that he would take or sinke the said Shipp the *Expectation* or the said Lucas his Shipp wherever he mett her and immediately after he had taken her hee did declare that he had a minde to sinke her . . .

5. Item the Party proponent doth hereby accept the Contents of the 4th Article of the Allocution given in this Cause on the behalfe of the Hudsons Bay Company upon the 6th of March last 1683[–4] and more especially these words Together with all the Lands and Territoryes upon the Countreyes Coasts and Confines of the Seas Bayes Lakes Rivers Creeks and Sounds aforesaid that are not already actually possessed or granted to any of the Subjects of his said Majestie or the Subjects of any other Christian Prince or States etc. and doth to all intents and purposes alledge That there was and is a former Grant or Charter made by K. Phillip and Q. Mary in the first and second yeare of their Reigne of all the Lands territoryes dominions Isles Signoryes and other places now pretended unto by the said Hudsons bay Company to the Company then called the Merchants Adventurers of England for the discovery of Lands Territoryes Isles dominions and Signoryes unknowne etc. and the said Company then called the Company of the Merchants Adventurers of England etc. is now called or knowne by the name or title of the Muscovia or Russia Company and the said Patent or Charter soe granted by the said K. Phillip and Q. Mary was afterwards confirmed by Act of Parliament in the 8th yeare of Q. Elizabeth and in this pretensed patent exhibited on the behalfe of the Hudsons bay Company in this Cause there is an exception made of all former Grants etc. . . .

6. Item That after the Grant or passing the pretensed patent or Charter in this Cause exhibited some of the Councell of the Common Lawe employed by the said Hudsons Bay Company or some or one of them to peruse the said Charter or Grant or some other Councell learned in the Lawe did upon the reading and perusing the said Grant or Patent

publickly declare unto the said Hudsons Bay Company or some of them that by reason of the said exception there was nothing passed or granted to them in regard itt was before granted to the said Muscovia or Russia Company or to that effect and the said Hudsons bay Company or some of them have often or att least sometimes had itt in Consideration among themselves to buy the Interest of the said Muscovia or Russia Company that soe they might have some pretence of right to the said Hudsons Bay and soe much they or some or one of them doth knowe to be true and soe much they or one of them hath acknowledged to be true . . .

(VIII) Richard Lucas' Affidavit October 27, 1683. *Put in Evidence March* 8–11, 1683–4[1]

Being about 60 Leagues up Hudsons Straytes wee fell into a bay of Ice where wee Sawe to Ships which was Capt. Nehemiah Wallker in the *Deligence* and Capt. John Abraham in the *George* Ketch after He had haled us Capt. Walker Sent his bote on bord with his mate with greate Invitation to goe on bord and dine with his Capt. but I thought not convenient to leave my Ship, Soe finding He Could not gett mee on bord, He went on bord againe and in a Short time after hee Sent his bote againe with Capt. Abraham, which caused a greate many arguments to gett mee on bord, but all would not doe, wee weare advised by Sum of his men, that there desine was to rune us downe and as sunne as Capt. Abraham gote on bord, Hee mad to wardes us and as wee tacte he tacte after us wee perseiving that (wee Run our Ship into the Ice) and He Stoud after us as neare as could, but wee bee ing a Smaller vesselle wee gote farther in then He Could where wee Lay all night to wardes morning the Ice opned wee mad Sayle He followed us wee thought to put into the Ice againe but beeing Soe thicke wee could not, finding that wee tacte, but could not weather them, wee Seeing that bore up He bore up after us and Clapt us on bord and entred about 40 men I made a pase att the firste man that entred, but bee fore I could   him I was nocte doune, and Seased on the rest of our men my Selfe and mate he   out with ropes Capt. Walker put his Mate in Master and manned her with his one men, I asked him by what powre hee had tacon mee hee tould mee, hee had power from the King and Duke of Yorke but never Could gett him to Show it mee, but a note under Albins hand Secretary to the Compa. foure of our men hee Lefte on bord our vessell the rest with my Selfe Carryed doune to the bottom of Hudsons Bay it beeing neare 300 Leages from the place wher wee was tacon, the place where they Carryed us to in Hudsons

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 23/22, No. 17.

Bay was Caled Charlton Iland the Iland where our Ship and cargoe was Lost on, by the Carelessnesse of the Master put in by Capt. Wallker after the Vessel was Lost Capt. Walker tooke the rest of our men on bord except as his prisnors as wee all weare and from thence brought us home for England hee tooke from on bord our Ship about 8 or 10 gallans of brandy and about a halfe hundred of Shuger and about Six gallans of Sheary there beeing Sum Smaller quantity of the Cargoe saved after the Ship was cast away it being as informed about 16 fouling peces one new Hasur Sum quantity of Small Shot which was afterwardes seased on by the Governor of the Hudsons Bay Company three of these Guns are brought home by Capt. Walker wittnesse my hand this 27th of October 1683

by mee Richard Lucas

After wee were tacon Wallker thretned us that hee would Sinke our Ship wee replayed hee might use his pleasure for Since hee had tacon her hee was master of her

Richard Lucas . . .

(IX) *The Interlopers' Evidence.* *May* 26, 1684[1]

The Personall Answers of Charles Boone and John Davall made to the prætensed Positions of an Allegation given against them on the behalfe or in the names of the Hudsons Bay Company.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. To the first, second, third, fourth fifth and sixth pretensed positions they and each of them answereth that they have lately heard and doe believe That our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the second did about the tyme aforesaid Grant his Letters Patents or Charter under his Great Seale of England to the Illustrious Prince Rupert and others in the sayd Letters Patents mentioned with severall Grants and Priviledges in the same expressed to which these Respondents referr themselves as to the Contents of the sayd Grant, and to the Law for the validity thereof, and otherwise they nor either of them doth believe the sayd prætensed position or either of them to be true in any part.

7. To the seaventh they and each of them answereth and believeth that John Phipps and Alexander Jennings are concerned with these Respondents in the Ship the *Expectation* aforesaid, each of them in one quarter of the sayd Ship and goods, and these Respondents doe acknowledge that they did heare something of a Patent granted to the Hudsons Bay Company severall yeares since, but what the particular

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/132.

priviledges or Penaltyes were granted by the sayd Charter these Respondents did not know untill since the taking of their sayd Ship the *Expectation* they haveing taken out a Copy of it from the Rolls, and these Respondent's do conceive and believe that the sayd Charter is of none effect as to the Excluding all others his Maies. Subjects from Trade in the sayd Hudsons Bay aswell by reason of a former Grant made by his sayd Maties. Predecessors as also by reason of an Exception in the sayd Charter of what was already actually possessed or granted by or to any of his sayd Maties. Subjects, or the Subjects of any other Christian Princes or States as by the sayd Charters to which they referr themselves doth more at large appeare and otherwise they nor either of them doth believe the sayd pretensed position to bee true in any part.

To the 8th and nynth they and each of them doth ansr. that they with the rest of their partners the sayd John Phips and Alexander Jennings did fit or cause their sayd Ship the *Expectation* to be fitted out upon an intended Voyage for some parts in the North of America and that they did loade and cause the sayd Ship to be loaden with severall goods and merchandizes, and did hyre the aforesaid Richard Lucas to go Mr. and severall other Mariners, and the sayd Lucas was to have six pounds p. Moneth as is aforesaid, and they also hyred Daniel Lane aforesaid and he was to have foure pounds p. Moneth, and they also believe there was a Bond given by the sayd Lucas to serve these Respondents and the sayd Partner Jennings, but it was not therein expressed to be Hudsons Bay and they believe the sayd Vessell was entred for the Canaryes and victualled for eighteen monethes or thereabouts, and the sayd Lane was sent to Dartmouth to look after the Packing and Salting the Provisions for the sayd Ship, And these Respondents have heard and do believe that the sayd Ship the *Expectation* did that yeare proceed so farr as Falmouth upon her intended Voyage, and then being there five or six dayes by contrary wynds the sayd Mr. and Company or some of them brought the sayd Ship and her Cargo back againe to Dartmouth with a designe to give over the Voyage without the knowledge or Privity of these Respondents, which these Respondents believe was a great breach of Trust in them and to the great prejudices of these Repondents, and otherwise they nor either of them do believe they are bound by law to answer.

10. To the tenth they and each of them doth answer that the sayd Ship being layd up contrary to their order as aforsd. the sayd Lucas did come to London and acquaint these Respondents therewith, but in the Spring following these Respondents did agree to proceed on in the sayd voyage and did give orders to the aforesaid Lucas accordingly, and as they believe the sayd Lucas with the sayd Ship and Cargo was proceeding

accordingly untill shee was unduly forcibly taken by the sayd Nehemiah Walker which as these Respondents have heard and do believe was somewhere within Hudsons streights upon the high seas, but some hundred of Leagues from Hudsons Bay before shee had Traded or could Trade to any Port or Place pretended unto by the sayd Hudsons Bay Company as they and each of them believe, and otherwise they and either of them doth believe they are not bound by Lawe to Answer.

To the last saving their foresayd Answers, they doe not believe the same to be true in any part . . .

(*X*) *The Company's Evidence. June* 3, 1684[1]

Responsa personalia Domini Jacobi Heyes Guilielmis Young Johannis Letton Gerrardi Weymans Onisephori Albin et Nehemiae Walker . . .

To the first and second pretended Articles of the said pretended Allegation they and every of them answer and beleive that the said Ship the *Diligence* whereof Nehemiah Walker one of these Respondents was Master and Commander was hired and freighted as is aforesaid and they do beleive that the said Onisipherus Albin by order of the Committee of the said Company did Signe an Order for the said Captaine Nehemiah Walker according to the direccions of the Governour and Committee of the said Company of Adventurers of England tradeing to Hudsons Bay in these words following vizt. If it shall happen you meet with any Ship or other Vessell sayling or tradeing within the said Bay without our License you are to seize them together with all their goods which shall be on board, the one halfe to the use of his Matie. the other halfe for the use of the Company and to bring them home with you for England and them safely to deliver at your arrivall here to the order of the Deputy Governour and Committee of the said Company Dated 27th Aprill 1683 by Command of His Royall Highnes the Duke of Yorke Governour and the Committee of the said Company Onisiphorus Albin Secretary. And they and every of them do beleive that the said Onisiphorus Albin the Secry. aforesaid doth keepe a minute book as is mencioned in the said second pretended Article of the said pretended Allegation and doth set down in the same what is ordered by the Governour or Deputy Governour and Committee and otherwise they nor any of them do beleive the said pretended Articles or either of them to be true in any part thereof.

To the third pretended Article of the said pretended Allegation they and every of them answer and beleive that the said Ship the *Expectation* alias the *Charles* aforesaid by authority of His Matyes. Letters Patents granted to the said Company and according to the order before in their answers mencioned was by the said Captaine Nehemiah Walker seized seaventy Five leagues or there abts. within Hudsons Bay streights neare Cape Charles which is abt. Fifty leagues from Hudsons Bay it selfe and not more as they beleive and the said Nehemiah Walker doth upon his oath declare and they do beleive that he the said Nehemiah Walker doth upon his oath declare and they do believe that he the said Nehemiah Walker in the service of the said Company had traded in a former voyage with the Indians upon Diggs Island which is about 50 leagues from the place where the sayd Ship was seized, and the sayd Nehemiah doth affirme upon his Oath and they do believe that there was not any violence or hardship used to the Mr. or Commander or Company of the sayd Ship the *Expectation* at the tyme of the sayd seizure, other then seizing and bringing them on board his Ship, or afterwards But the sayd Captaine Walker doth affirme, and these Respondents do believe that he did acquaint the said Commander of the *Expectation* that he the sayd Nehemiah had Orders from his Royall Highnes and the Committee of Hudsons Bay Company to seize any Ship that he should find Sailing or Trading within the limitts of the Companyes Charter without their License, and the sayd Mr. or Commander producing no license the said Nehemiah Walker did seize the sayd Ship and the Commander Lucas and the greatest part of the sayd Ships Crew and take them out of the sayd Ship *Expectation* and put them aboard the Ship the *Diligence*, but did not use or put any restraint upon them, but treated them kindly, and fed them with the Companyes provision as he did his owne men, and left the Chiefe Mate Carpenter, Dr. and boy on board the sayd Ship the *Expectation* with such of his owne men as he put on board to Sayle the sayd Ship, that no Embezillment might be made of the Cargoe, And that he kept not any of the men as Prisoners but brought them home for England and assoone as they came home they tooke their owne tyme and went where they pleased, and otherwise they nor any of them do believe the sayd pretended Article to be true in any part thereof.

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[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/132.

To the fourth pretended Article of the said pretended Allegation they and every of them answer and believe, and the sayd Nehemiah Walker doth depose on his Oath that after he had seized the sayd Vessell as in their aforesaid Articles is sett forth, to which they referr themselves, he the sayd Nehemiah Walker did put his Chiefe Mate on board the sayd Vessell with some other of his Company to Navigate her in Company but they were separated by bad weather, and was as they have heard and believe cast away upon or neare Charlton Island and they do believe that a small part of the sayd Ships Lading was taken up as a Wreck and delivered to the Governor in Hudsons Bay and that the same as they believe doth there remaine and otherwise they nor any of them do believe the sayd pretended Article to be true in any part thereof.

To the Fifth pretended Article of the sayd pretended Allegation they and every of them answer and believe that is on the part and behalfe of the Governour and Company of Hudsons Bay alleadged in the fourth Article of the Allegation given in this cause upon the Sixth of March last 1683 as is sett downe in this pretended Article, to the which Sixth Article they referr themselves and believe to be true, and otherwise they nor any of them do believe the said pretended Article to be true in any part thereof.

The sixth Article rejected.

To the last Article they Answer and believe what they have believed and deny what they have denyed . . .

(XI) The Judgment. December 13, 1684[1]

. . . Nos Richardus Lloyd miles et Legum Doctor Surrogatus antedictus Christi nomine primitus invocato ac Ipsum Solum Deum occulis nostris preponentes et habentes ac de et cum Consilio Jurisperitorum cum quibus in hac parte communicavimus matureque deliberavimus antedictam Navem le *Diligence* cujus Nehemiah Walker est magister ejusque Apparatus et accessiones et bona, res, merces et mercimonia in eadem tempore Arresti predicti existentia et dictum Nehemiam Walker necnon Illustrissimum Principem Jacobum Ducem Eboracen . . . et Albanie etc. Gubernatorem et Societatem mercatorum Anglie vocatam Hudson's Bay Commercium exercentes necnon Franciscum Rainsford et Nehemiam Walker predictos eorumque fidejussores ab instantia et impetitione prefatorum Caroli Boone, Johannis Davall, et sociorum predictorum vel partis eorum, quoad deducta, narrata et petita per eos in Libello, et prepositis pretensis in hujusmodi pretensa Causa datis et admissis dimittendos et absolvendos fore de jure debere pronunciamus decernimus et declaramus.

[1] P.R.O., H.C.A., 24/121, No. 197.

APPENDIX B

SHIPMENTS OUTWARDS, 1684

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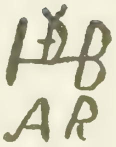
Shipments Outwards, 1684

London 29th Aprill 1684[1]

Invoice of Goods shipped on board the good Pinck called the *John & Thomas* Leonard Edgcombe Master for the Accte. of the Governour and Adventurers of England trading into Hudsons Bay and goes consigned unto Henry Sergeant Esquire Governour there all shipped well conditioned under the Companies marke as in the margent and under the Factory marke & nos. & qts. as hereunder Followes.



Albany River

No. 1	barrell beefe qts.	42 peeces of 8 li. peeces
2		41 ditto
3		43 ditto
4		41 ditto
5		46 ditto
6		42 ditto
7		48 ditto
8		45 ditto
9		43 ditto
10		43 ditto
11		42 ditto
12		44 ditto
13		41 ditto
14		40 ditto
15		Suet
16	hogs. porke qts.	92 peeces of 7 li. peeces
17		90 ditto
18	barrell	63 ditto
19		68 ditto
20		68 ditto
21		67 ditto
22		Lard
23	chest qts.	13 fine guns. two of 5 foote, five of 4 foote, foure of 3½ foote & two of 4½ foote.

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[1] A.24/1, fos. 3–6.

No. 24 chest qts.	12 fine guns five of 4½ foote, two of 3½ foote, two of 4 foote & three of 3½ foote.
25	12 fine guns foure of 3½ foote, three of 4 foote foure of 4½ foote & one of 5 foote.
26	14 plaine guns, Eight of 3½ foote, & sixe of 5 foote.
27	12 ditto, sixe 3½ foote, & sixe of 5 foote.
28	14 ditto seven 3½ foote & seven of 5 foote.
29	12 plaine guns Foure foote guns.
30	12 ditto foure foote guns.
31	13 Ditto foure foote guns.
32	12 ditto foure of 4 foote, Eight of 4½ foote.
33	14 ditto foure of 3½ foote & ten of 4½ foote.
34	15 Ditto seven of 3½ foote, & eight of 4½ foote.
35	14 Ditto seven of 3½ foote & seven of 4½ foote.
36	11 ditto all 3½ foote.
37	14 ditto, sixe 4½ foote & Eight of 4 Foote.
38	11 ditto five of 5 foote, 1 fine of five foote, two fine of 4½ foote, three of 3½ foote plaine.
39	14 ditto foure of 4 foote, & ten of 3½ foote.
40	12 ditto Eight of 4½ foote and foure 3½ foote.
41	13 ditto Eight of 4½ foote & five 3½ foote.
42	13 ditto Eight 4 foote & five 3½ foote.
43	12 ditto Ten 4 foote & two 3½ foote.
44	11 ditto sixe 4 foote, five 3½ foote.

No. 45	chest qts.	20 Ditto twelve 5 foote, Eight 3½ foote.
46		50 mens Fooles coates, 24 boyes ditto, 40 plaine red caps.
47		12 present coates and caps belts & swords, 40 plaine red caps, 40 red coates for men laced.
		C. q. li.
48	Butt qts.	246 Kettles wt. 8. 2. 23 & in No.50 is a bell.
49		
50	hogs.	
51	chest qts.	61 mens Red laced coates, 17 mens plaine coates whereof 7 blew & 19 boyes Red.
		C. q. li.
52	barrell flower qts.	2. 2. 14 Tare 25 li.
		bus. pecks
53	Kilderkin oatemeale qts.	3. 0. 14 pints
54		3. 0. 8 ditto
55		3. –. 12 –
56		3. –. 10
57		3. –. 10
58		3. 1. –
59		3. –. 8
60		3. 1. –
		bush. pecks
61	butt mault qts.	17. 2½
62	hogs.	11. 2–
63		13. 2–
64		11. 0½
65		12. 3–
66		11. 1–
67		11. —
68		11. 3½
		71. 2–
69	cask qts.	3 C. weight spikes.
70	qts.	2 C. weight spikes, 1 sledge hammer, 2 penmaules 6 inch chissells, 6 halfe inch chissells, 6 quarter inch chissells, 6 gouges, two fermers,

	6 pareing chissells, 2 gross sissers, 1 philiste plaine, 1 valection plaine 1 p. cornish plaines, 2 hand vices, 3 p. Carpenters compass 1 screw plate with taps.
No. 71 caske qts.	2 do. hand files, 6 do. files for the Armorer 6 rubbers, 1 artick plaine, 1000 of 20d. nayles 2000 6d. nayles, 2000 10d. nayles, 3000 4d. nayles, 1000 trunck nayles, 2000 2d. nayles, 2 plough hammers, 2 claw hammers, 1 smoothing plaine, one inch Ogee plaine, 1 halfe inch Ogee plaine, one Armorers hammer, 1 beck iron, 12 Augurs, 1 rabbit plaine, 1 Jack plaine, 1 joynter plaine, 1 p. groveing plaine, 2 do. Cartage cases 2 steele hand sawes. 2 iron frying pans loose.
72 bale qts.	100 blancketts 18 peeces & 10 blanckets in a p.
73	100 ditto
74	100 ditto
75	50 ditto
76	40 ditto 30 Engelish & 10 french blanckets.
	C. q. li. C. q. li.
77 hogs. qts.	mollosses 7. 1. 2. Tare 0. 3. 3.
79 chest qts.	40 boyes red plaine coates, 20 p. plaine Callico, 2 gross lace, 8 ps. Victrey canvas, 13 yds. of blew shalloone.
80 chest qts.	80 mens plaine coates.
81	30 boyes blew plaine, 60 mens blew laced.
82	100 mens coate plaine, whereof 26 mens blew.
83	4 dozen french falls, 2 do. plaine shooes, 6 brass Kettles, 15 boyes coates red, one mans laced coate

	4 blew coates for men, 10 li. glew, 10 li. vermillion 1 C. wte. red Lead, 3 gross Ivorey combes, 8 leather cans & 5 do. files new cutt.	
No. 84 a case qts.	15 gross tobacco pipes & 20 mens blew coates plaine.	
85 caske qts.	100 large Hatchetts marked S.B.	
86	110 ditto	
87	110 ditto	
88	113 ditto	
89	100 ditto	
90	117 ditto	
91	106 ditto	
92	101 ditto	
93	110 ditto	
94	110 ditto	
95	110 ditto	
96	116 ditto	
97	110 ditto	
98	118 ditto	
99 caske qts.	104 ditto	
100	97 ditto	
101	107 ditto	
102	106 ditto	
103	55 ditto	
104 caske qts.	3000 Jack knives S.B.	
105	3000 large Rochbury S.B.	
106	2000 small ditto	
107	5 C. lead weights	
108	5 C. Lead weights great & small	
109 case	a beame wte. 28 li.	
109 [sic]	ditto	
111 caske qts.	29½ dozen large powder hornes.	
		C. q. li.
112 case qts.	11 cheeses wt.	1. 3. 3.
113	11	1. 2. 15.
114	12	1. 2. 8.
115 chest qts.	32 gray shutes for servants & 300 wormes.	
116 boxe qts.	Medecins	

No. 117 hogs. qts. . . . 90 roles of Tobacco each role 10 li.
C. q. li. C. q. li.
wte. 8. 3. 6 Tare 0. 3. 25.
118 hogs. qts. . . . 79 roles of Tobacco each role 10 li.
C. q. li. C. q. li.
wte. 7. 2. 12 Tare 0. 3. 15.
119 hogs. qts. . . . 86 roles of Tobacco each role 10 li.
C. q. li. C. q. li.
wt. 8. 1. 4 Tare 0. 3. 14.
120 hogs qts. . . . 93 roles of Tobacco each role 8 li.
C. q. li. C. q. li.
wt. 8. 3. 6 Tare 1. 0. 3.
121 hogs. qts. . . . 90 roles of Tobacco each role 8 li.
C. q. li. C. q. li.
wt. 8. 3. 11 Tare 0. 3. 21.
122 hogs. qts. . . . 134 roles of Tobacco each role 5 li.
C. q. li C. q. li.
wt. 7. 2. 0 Tare 0. 3. 16.
122 a Hs.[?] qts. . . 12 Clothes
Nos. 224 Red yds. 30½
227 . . . 30½
230 . . . 28.3
Nos. 233 Red yds. 30.½
227 . . . 29–
232 . . . 29.3
238 . . . 29.3
219 . . . 31–
222 . . . 30.3
221 . . . 22–
223 . . . 29.½
231 . . . 29.3
A Remnant of Silver culler bay yds. 14¼
123 hogs. leafe Tobacco wte.
124 . . ditto
C. q. li.
125 boxe qts. . . . 1. 1. 4 candles Tare 36 li.
126 . . . . . 1. 1. 12 . . . 39 li.
129 hogs. qts. . . . 8 bushells wte. salt
130 caske qts. . . . 4 gallons lyme Juyce
131 . . . . . 10 gallons sweet oyle

		C. q. li.
No. 132	1½ C. Rosin	
133	1 C. hard soape	
134 hogs. qts.	3 bushells hempe seeds, 2 papers turnup seeds 1 gallon black inck, one quart Red inck, 4 paper bookes, 2 rheame paper, ¼ li. hard waxe, a boxe whafers, and 3 peeces of blew Shalloone.	
135 barrell qts.	currants wte.	1. 3. 11
136 boxe qts.	6 oz. cloves 6 oz. mace 4 oz. nutmegs 6 li. peper	
137 barrell qts.	pruens wt.	1. 3. 1
138	Raysons	3. 0. 9
139	ditto	3. 0. 6
140	sugar	1. 3. 3

Three Chaldron of coales
4000 flemish bricks
2000 ten inch Tiles
1 paire Triangles & 2 paire of scales
5 ferkins butter
shott marked A.R.
50 barrells B. Bristoll shott
50 . . G. Goose
30 . . E. East India
15 . . P. plate counter marke
10 . . C. Culver
30 . . I. Duck shott
185

5800 Engelish brick
6 barrells Tarr
1 Quarter caske vinegar
4 cables vizt.
2 of 7 inches qts. 90 fadome each

	C. q. li.
one wtc.	10. 1. 25
one wte.	10. 3. –
	C.10. –. 25

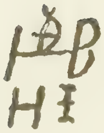
2 of 8 inches each qts. 90 fadome

	C.	q.	li.
one wte.	13.	2.	5
one wte.	13.	3.	11
	C.27	1.	16

a hamper qts. wooden wares.
- 12 platters
- 12 bowles
- 4 flatt cans
- 2 Ton cans
- 48 taps
- 6 ladles
- 4 dozen wooden spoones

Three quarter caskes of Brandy
a copper furnace marked A.R.
a caske qts. 20 gallons sherry As a present to the Governour.
100 halfe barrells powder

The Compa. seale Delivered Leonard Edgcombe.



Shipped in the above sd. shipp for Hayes Island undr. the marke as in margen[1]

No. 1	hogs. beefe qts.	70 peeces of 8 li. each
2		58 ditto
3		47 ditto
4	barrell	44 ditto
5		43 ditto
6		47 ditto
7	porke	62 ps. of 7d. each
8		53 ditto
9		54 ditto
10		57 ditto

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[1] A.24/1, fos. 6d.–7.

		bushells	peck	pints
No. 11 Kilderkin qts.	oatemeale	3.	1.	0
12		3.	0.	8
13		3.	–.	10
14		3.	–.	14
15		3.	1.	–
16 butt mault		17.	3.	–
17		17.	2.	–
18		18.	–.	–
19		17.	3.	–
20 caske qts.	3 spindles & handles for grindstones, 1 gross sissers 1 gross sorted files, 5 do. sorted raspes, 2 Tillers boxes & handles for whip sawes, 2 handvices.			
a bundle qts.	2 steele cross cutt sawes, 2 whip sawes, 3 grindstones.			

		C. q. li.		C. q. li.
21 hogs qts.	mollosses wt.	7. 1. 25	Tare	0. 3. 2
22	ditto	7. 1. 10		0. 2. 26
23 boxe qts.	5 gross tobacco pipes			
24 boxe qts.	2 do. french falls & 1 do. plaine shooes			
25 caske qts.	500 large Rochbary knives S.B. 500 ditto small			

		C. q. li.
26 caske qts.	12 cheeses wt.	1. 3. 12
27	10 ditto	2. –. 17
28 barrell qts.	84 roles of Tobacco of 5 & 8 li.	

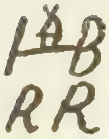
		C. q. li.		C. q. li.
	to the Role wte.	5. 3. 18	Tare	0. 2. 4
29 hogs. leafe Tobacco				

		C. q. li.	
30 boxe qts.	candles wte.	1. 0. 24	Tare 35li.
32 hogs. qts.	8 bushells white salt		
33 caske qts.	10 gallons sweet oyle		
34	2 C. hard soape		

		C. q. li.
35 barrell qts.	Currants wte.	1. 3. 3

		C.	q.	li.
No. 36 boxe qts.	6 oz. cynamon 6 oz. cloves 5 li. ginger 6 oz. mace 5 li. peper			
37 barrell qts.	pruens wte.	1.	3.	8
38	Raysons	3.	0.	4
39	Sugar	1.	1.	6

One chaldron of coales
5 ferkins butter
one Quarter caske vinegar
3 barrells pitch
2 barrels tarr
1 Quarter cask brandy
2 halfe barrells powder.



Shipped in the abovesaid ship for Rupert River under the marke as in the margent.[1]

No. 1 hogs. beefe qts.	64 peeces of 8 li.				
2 barrell porke qts.	57 peeces of 7 li.				
3	60 ditto				
		C.	q.	li.	
4 hogs. qts.	50 brass Kettles	1.	3.	3	
		bush.	pec.	pints	
5 Kilderkin qts.		3.	0.	8	Oate meale
6		3.	3.	8	ditto
7		3.	1.	–	ditto
8 hogs. qts.		10.	2.	½	Mault
9		10.	–.	½	ditto
10 halfe hogs. qts.	Mollosses				
11 barrell qts.	1 do. french falls, 6 p. plaine shooes 150 skaines twine, 4 do. fire steeles, 4 do. boxe combes & the Indians Clothes & haire in a boxe.				
12 boxe qts.	4 gross Tobacco pipes				

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[1] A.24/1, fo. 7d.

	C. q. li.
No. 13 a caske qts.	10 cheeses wte. 1. 0. 6
	C. q. li.
14 boxe qts.	candles 0. 3. 6 Tare 20 li.
15 rundlet qts.	3 gallons oyle
16 caske qts.	3 bushells white salt
17	3 gallons vinegur
18 ½ ferkin	soft soape
	C. q. li.
19 ferkin	Currants wte. 0. 2. 21
20 boxe qts.	1 oz. cynamon
	1 oz. cloves
	1 li. ginger
	1 oz. mace
	1 oz. nutmegs
	1 li. peper
	¼ C. sugar

21 boxe pruens li. 34
C. q. li.
22 ½ a barrell raysons 1. 1. 27
1 ferkin butter
1 rundlett brandy qts. 16 gallons
6 halfe barrells powder

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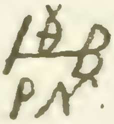

Shipped in Good condition in and upon the Good ship called the *Happy Returne* whereof is Master Wm. Bond and the Good Pinck, called the *Lucey* whereof is Master John Outlaw for the Account of the Governour & Adventurers of England trading into Hudsons Bay and goes consigned to John Abraham of Port Nellson in Hudsons Bay Governour there, under the Companies & Factorey Marke as in the margent the Invoice of which with the nos. & contence is as Follows.

No. 1 barrell beefe qts.	38 ps. each 8 li.
2	41 ditto
3	45 ditto
4	47 ditto
5	43 ditto
6	45 ditto

Bond

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[1] A.24/1, fos. 8–14.

Outlaw	No. 7	47 ditto
	8	48 ditto
	9	48 ditto
	10	46 ditto
	11 hogs	65 ditto
	12 barrell	suet
Bond	13 barrell porke qts.	57 peeces each 7 li.
	14	56 ditto
	15	58 ditto
	16	57 ditto
Outlaw	17	54 ditto
	18	56 ditto
	19	52 ditto
	20	Lard
Outlaw	21 chest qts.	13 old guns
	22	12 ditto
	23 chest qts.	13 new guns Eight of 3½ foote & five of 5 foote.
	24	12 new guns two of 3½ foote, Eight of 4½ foote & two of 4 foote.
	25	13 ditto two of 4½ foote & 11 of 4 foote.
Bond	26	12 new guns of 4 foote.
	27	12 ditto sixe of 4½ foote, foure of 3½ foote, & two of 4 foote.
	28	13 ditto five of 5 foote, sixe of 3½ foote and two of 4 foote.
	29	12 ditto foure of 4½ foote, Eight of 4 foote.
	30	13 ditto of 4 foote.
Outlaw	31	10 musketts
Bond	32	10 ditto
Outlaw	33	2 musquets, 2 blunderbusses, 4 musquetoones.
Bond	34	2 musquets, 2 blunderbusses, 4 musquetoones 70 beavor lines.

No. 35	12 laced coates for men, 2 present coates caps belts & swords, 32 plaine Red coates for men, 8 plaine red coates for boyes, 50 wte. Callico shirtes, 20 blew linnen shirtes, 15 blew Callico shirtes, 12 doulas shirtes, one p. of painted callico, 20 paire of cotton drawers & 20 cotton wastcoates.		*Outlaw*
36	13 laced coates, 2 present coates, caps, belts & swords, 33 red plaine coates for men, 8 boyes coates, 50 white Callico shirtes, 30 blew linnen shirtes, 10 blew callico shirtes, 12 doulas shirtes, 1 p. painted callico, 20 p. cotton Drawers, 20 cotton wastcoates.		*Bond*
	C. q. li.		
37 butt	qts. 100 brass Kettles wt. 4. 1. 4 & one 1 bell in No. 37.		*Bond*
38 —			*Outlaw*
	C. q. li.		
39 butt	qts. 100 brass Kettles wt. 4. 1. 4 & one bell in No. 40.		*Bond*
40 hogs.			*Bond*
41 puncheon qts.	3 do. French falls, 1½ do. flatt shooes, 50 nett lines, 75 skaines twine, 130 beavor lines, 12 leather belts, 12 p. cotton stockings.		
42 puncheon qts.	3 do. falls, 1½ do. flatt shooes, 50 net lines, 12 leather belts, 75 skaines twine, 2 do. cotton stockings.		
	C. q. li.		
43 barrell flower qts.	5. 0. 8	Tare 42 li.	*Bond*
44	4. 3. 24	43	
45	4. 3. 18	43	
46	5. 0. 6	43	
47	4. 3. 21	45	
48	5. 0. 6	43	
49	4. 3. 17	42	
50	4. 3. 26	41	

	No. 51		4.	3.	21	40
	52		5.	0.	12	41
	53		5.	0.	7	42
	54		4.	3.	21	42
Outlaw	55		4.	3.	24	40
	56		5.	0.	11	42
	57		5.	0.	7	41
	58		5.	0.	7	43
	59		4.	3.	4	43
	60		5.	0.	5	44
	61		4.	2.	8	41
	62		4.	2.	21	41
			C.	q.	li.	
	63	barrell flower qts.	4.	2.	21	Tare 40 li.
	64		4.	3.	22	41
	65		4.	3.	20.	42
	66		4.	3.	–	38
	67		4.	3.	14	42

			bush.	pecks	pints
Bond	68	Kilderkin peases qts.	3.	0.	8.
	69		3.	–.	–
	70		3.	–.	10
	71		3.	0.	8
	72		3.	0.	10
	73		3.	–.	8
	74		3.	–.	–
	75		3.	1.	4
	76		3.	1.	–
	77		3.	1.	–
	78		3.	0.	10
	79		3.	–.	–
	80		3.	0.	0
	81		3.	0.	12
	82		3.	0.	8
	83		3.	1.	–
	84		3.	–.	10
	85		3.	–.	10
	86		3.	1.	–
	87		3.	1.	–

No. 88		3.	0.	12	*Outlaw*
89		3.	0.	8	
90		3.	0.	14	
91		3.	0.	8	
92		3.	–.	10	
93		3.	–.	10	
94		3.	–.	10	
95		3.	0.	4	
96		3.	0.	10	
97		3.	–.	10	
		bush.	pecks	pints	
98	Kilderkin peases qts.	3.	1.	–	
99		3.	–.	–	
100		3.	0.	8	
101		3.	0.	10	
102		3.	–.	8	
103		3.	–.	4	
104		3.	–.	8	
105		3.	–.	14	
106		3.	0.	10	
107		3.	1.	–	
108	Kilderkin oate meale qts.	3.	1.	–	*Bond*
109		3.	–.	12	
110		3.	1.	–	
111		3.	–.	14	
112		3.	1.	–	
113		3.	1.	–	
114		3.	–.	14	*Outlaw*
115		3.	0.	8	
116		3.	–.	8	
117		3.	–.	10	
		bush.	pecks		
118	butt mault qts.	17.	1.	½	*Bond*
119		18.	–	–	
120		16.	0.	½	
121		15.	1	–	
122		18.	1	–	*Outlaw*
123		15.	2	–	
124		17.	1.	½	

		C. q. li.	
Outlaw	No. 125 ferkin qts.	1. 3. 14	ice chissells ½ C. of large, ½ C. midle & ½ C. small.
		C. q. li.	
	126	0. 2. 9	6 wedges, 3 stone hammers, 1¼ C. spikes, 1000 30d. [?] nayles, 500 6d. [?] nayles, 2000 4d. [?] nayles, 500 2d. [?] nayles.
	127 caske qts.		1500 40d. nayles, 1000 20d. nayles, 1000 10d. nayles, 6 latches, 12 square staples, 2 adzes, 2 broad axes, 6 bolts & staples, 3 cold chissells, 3 howes, 1 p. Taylors sheeres, 1 ditto goose, 2 felling axes, 9 chissells, 3 augurs, 1 two foote rule, 1 p. shutters, 1 plaine iron, 2 stock locks, 2 doble springe locks, 12 gymbletts, 6 small padlocks, 250 3d. trunck nayles, 250 ditto 4d. 2 trowells.
	128 caske qts.		½ C. waite nayles, 2 steele sawes, 4 p. hookes & hinges, 2 p. cross garnets, 1 p. shovell & tongs, 1 Carpenters square, 1 mault mill, 3 pick axes, 6 p. Duffell hinges, 500 large tacks, 1 doble headed maule, 3 gouges, 1 smoothing plaine, & 2 irons, 1 long plaine, 1 rabbit plaine, 1 p. grooveing plaines, 6 drills, 1 drill boxe, 1 saw sett, 1 screw plate, 6 Taylors thymbells, 1 hand vice, 1000 12d. nayles, 2 do. fire steeles, 1 tiller & boxe, 3 do. files, 5 hand hammers, 2 great Smithes hammers one Rest for a hand saw, 250 Hawkes bells, 1 pestell, 2 paire Carpenters compasses, 3 spindells & handles, for the grindstones & 1000 8d. nayles.

These things loose of iron mongers wares.

a Smithes Bellowes, a bundle of sawes as 1 whip saw, 2 cross cutt sawes, 1 trammell, 1 fire pan, a stove doore, an Anvill 2 wooden beetles bound with iron, 6 shovells & spades, a p. hand screws, an iron morter, 3 iron crows. ½ a fagott steele & 18 hammer helves 15 barrs iron & 3 grindstones.

No. 129 caske qts. . . . 50 large ice chissells, 50 midle ditto, 50 small ditto wte. C. q. li. 1. 3. 16. *Bond*

130 caske qts. . . . 1500 4d. nayles, 1000 20d. nayles, 1000 10d. nayles 12 staples, 3 howes, 6 latches, 1 tew iron for the Smiths bellowes.

131 caske qts. . . . 1¼ C. spikes, 1000 30d. nayles, 500 6d. nayles, 1000 4d. nayles, 500 2d. nayles, 2 broad axes, 1 p. of Taylors sheeres, 1 adze, 6 bolts & staples, 1 p. can hookes 3 cold chissells, 9 carpenters chissells, 1 brick trowell.

132 caske qts. . . . ½ C. waite nayles, 2 plaines & irons, a fire shovell, a p. tongs, 1 steele hand sawe, 3 pick axes, 4 p. hookes & hinges, 2 p. cross garnets, 2 felling axes, 6 wedges, 1 doble headed maule, 1 Carpenters square, 2 stock locks, 6 padlocks, 6 p. duffell hinges, 12 gymbletts, 6 Taylors thymbles, 1 goose, a p. iron snuffers, 1 two foote rule, 1 screw plate & taps, 1 drawing knife, 1 smoothing plaine & irons, 1 jack plaine & irons, 1 rabbitt plaine & irons, 3 stone hammers, 3 augurs, 1 mault mill, 250 trunck 4d. nayles, 250 ditto 3d., 250 large tacks, 6 drills & 1 drill boxe, 1000 12d. nayles, 3 spindles & handles, for grindstones, 1 pestell of iron, 250 hawkes bells, 2 doble spring locks.

	No. 133 caske qts.	2 dozen fire steeles, 1 tillar boxe, & one handle for a whip sawe, 3 do. files, 1 rest for a hand sawe, 2 wooden beetles bound with iron, 2 p. carpenters compasses, 4 Smithes Hammers, 2 great Smithes Hammers, 1000 8d. nayles.

Losse things of iron mongers wares.

1 iron morter, 1 stove doore, 6 shovells & 6 spades, 1 p. hand screws, ½ a fagott steele & 18 hammer helves, 3 iron crowes, 1 anvill, a bundle qts. 2 trammels, 1 fire forke, 1 frying pan, 1 Smithes vice, 1 whip sawe, & 2 cross cutt sawes. 15 barrs iron & 3 grindstones.

Bond	No. 134 bale qts.	5 ps. blancketts each qts. 10 blancketts.	
Outlaw	135	5 ps. blancketts each qts. 10 blanckets wanting one blancket.	
		C. q. li.	C. q. li.
Bond	136 hogs. mollosses wt.	7. 1. 5	Tare 0. 3. 4
Outlaw	137	7. 1. 3	0. 3. 2
	138	7. 1. 22	0. 3. 6
	½ hogs more in Outlaw no number		
Bond	139 butts qts. 140 141 142 143	qts. 15 C. bread	
Outlaw	144 butts qts. 145 146 147 148	C. q. li. qts. 16. 1. 23 bread	
Bond	153 caske qts.	3 bundles match, 12 rammers, 12 spunges, 12 catuch boxes, 6 sheepes skins, 6 formers, 1 melting ladle, 1 dipping ladle, 30 tompkins, 18 primeing irons, 9 steele bitts, 100 lanthorne hornes, 6 li. starch, 7 wadhookes, 1 payre pleyers, 1 p. knipers.	

No. 154 caske qts.	2 bundles & ½ match, 6 hornes, 27 quire paper, 6 cartages, 250 fuses.	*Outlaw*
155 caske qts.	1 C. bur shott, 50 hand granados, 70 round shott.	
156 caske qts.	1 C. bur shott, 50 hand granados, 70 round shott.	*Bond*
	C. q. li.	
157 caske qts.	0. 2. 4½ lead, 23 quire paper, 9 linstocks, 1000 spunge nayles, 2 C. lead nayles, 3 li. thred, 200 needles, 6 tin lampes, 14 li. corke, 6 lanthornes 1 Dormy Lanthorne, 3 coper ladles, 3 li. weyer, 18 latten partridges.	
158 caske qts.	2½ bundles match, 18 quire paper, 9 linstocks, 3 coper ladles, 100 lanthorne hornes, 1000 spunge nayles, 200 lead nayles, 6 li. starch, 18 partridges, 3 li. thred, 200 needles, 12 rammer heads, 12 spunge heads, 9 steele bitts, 18 primeing irons, 30 tompkins, 7 wad hookes, 1 p. pleyers, & 1 p. knippers.	*Outlaw*
159 caske qts.	2½ bundles match, 53 li. lead, 32 quire paper, 250 fuses.	*Bond*
160 caske qts.	12 catuch boxes, 14 li. corke, 6 hornes, 3 li. weyer, 6 formers, 6 catridge cases, 1 melting ladle, 1 diping ladle, 1 dormy lanthorne, 6 lamps 6 woodon lanthornes, 6 sheepes skins.	*Outlaw*
161 chest qts.	5 boyes red laced coates, 6 hangers, 6 swords, 500 awles, 1 p. romall, 3 do. irish hose.	*Bond*
162 chest qts.	5 boyes red laced coates, 6 hangers, 6 swords, 500 awles, 1 p. romall, 3 do. irish hose.	
163 boxe qts.	10 gross tobacco pipes	*Outlaw*
164 boxe qts.	10 gross tobacco pipes	*Bond*

	No. 165 chest qts.	15 gray shutes for the servants, 5 red coates plaine for men, a union flag, 3 drum heads, 10 do. rings, 1 do. tin tobacco boxes, ¼ C. red lead in a small barrell, 10 li. glew 5 li. vermillion, 3 dozen irish stockings, 4 do. mittens, and turnup seeds.
Outlaw	166 chest qts.	15 gray shutes for servants, 5 red coates plaine for men, a union flag, 3 drum heads, 1 do. tin tobacco boxes, 4 do. Irish stockings, a stew pan, a sauce pan, a 3 pinte pott copper, 300 wormes, a parcell habidashers wares, 4 do. mittens and turnip seeds.
	167 caske qts.	one Drum and drum sticks
Bond	168 caske qts.	102 large hatchets S.B.
	169	114 ditto
	170	109 ditto
	171	90 ditto
	172	85 ditto
Outlaw	173	127 midle ditto
	174	123 ditto
	175	145 small ditto
	176	105 ditto
	177	1800 large long knives } S.B. 900 small long ditto }
Bond	178 caske qts.	1000 large knives S.B. 500 small ditto 978 Jack knives
	179	5 C. weights of lead great & small
	180 case qts.	beame wt. 28 li. a p. triangles & 1 p. scales
		C. q. li.
	181 caske qts.	10 cheeses wt. 1. 3. 21
	182	9 ditto . 1. 3. 9
Outlaw	183	10 ditto . 1. 3. 16
	184	10 ditto . 1. 2. 14
Bond	185 boxe qts.	medecins

No. 186	boxe qts.	ditto	*Outlaw*
187	hogs qts.	88 Roles tobacco each 10 li.	
		C. q. li. C. q. li.	
		wt. 8. 1. 13 Tare 0. 3. 17	
188	hogs qts.	96 roles tobacco each 8 li.	*Bond*
		C. q. li. C. q. li.	
		wt. 8. 3. 22 Tare 1. 0. 7	
189	butt qts.	2 shutes of shallop sayles, & 200 yds. of old canvas.	
190	butt qts.	2 shutes of shallop sayles, & 200 yds. of old canvas.	*Outlaw*
191	bale qts.	7 peeces red broad Cloth.	
		Nos. 205 Red yds. 29½	
		217 . . . 28	
		207 . . . 28	
		212 . . . 14¼	
		211 . . . 22	
		235 . . . 28½	
		0 . . . 29½	
192	bale qts.	6 peeces red Cloth.	*Bond*
		Nos. 226 Red . 30½	
		201 . . . 29	
		0 . . . 29¾	
		234 . . . 30	
		231 . . . 29½	
		228 . . . 30¼	
		C. q. li.	
194	boxe qts.	candles 1. 1. 6 Tare 34 li.	*Outlaw*
195	boxe qts.	ditto 1. 0. 26 . . 35	*Bond*
196	boxe qts.	ditto 1. 0. 27 . . 35	
198	hogs qts.	leafe Tobacco	
199	Rundlet qts.	7 gallons sweet oyle	*Outlaw*
200	. . .	8 ditto	*Bond*
201	. . .	3 gallons lyme juyce	*Outlaw*
202	. . .	3 ditto	*Bond*
203	hogs	9½ bushells wte. salt	*Outlaw*
204	hogs	6½ ditto	*Bond*
205	caske qts.	1 C. rosin	*Outlaw*
206	. . .	1 C. ditto	*Bond*
207	ferkin qts.	Tallow	*Outlaw*
208	. . .	ditto	*Bond*

Outlaw	No. 209 rundlet qts.	2 gallons neats foote oyle
Bond	210	2 ditto
	211 caske qts.	1½ C. hard soape
Outlaw	212	soft soape
	213 boxe qts.	2 paper bookes, 1½ li. cotton weekes, 1 gallon black inck, 1 reame paper, ¼ li. hard waxe, 1 boxe whafers.
Bond	214 boxe qts.	2 paper bookes, 1½ li. cotton weeke, 1 gallon inck, 1 quart red inck, 1 reame paper, ¼ li. hard waxe, 1 boxe whafers, 2 peck hempe seeds.
	215 caske qts.	1 C. white & red beads.
	216	one bushell hempe seeds.
Outlaw	217 a case qts.	window glass.
Bond	218 a case qts.	ditto
Outlaw	219 chest qts.	a bed, rug, 4 blew shirtes, 2 p. stockings, 2 caps, 2 han kerchers, 4 neck clothes, a lether cap, a shute of Clothes, 2 p. drawers for Martin the Compa. apprentice & 2 wast coates.
	220 chest qts.	a bed, rug, 4 blew shirtes, 2 p. stockings 2 caps, 2 hankerchers, 4 neck clothes, a shute of Clothes, 2 p. drawers & 2 wast coates for Kellsey the Compa. apprentice.
		C. q. li.
Outlaw	221 barrell qts.	currants wt. 2. 1. 9
Bond	222	pruens . 2. 0. 4
	223	sugar . 2. 0. 10
Outlaw	224 boxe qts.	9 li. ginger 9 oz. cynamon 9 oz. cloves 6 oz. nutmegs
		C. q. li.
Bond	225 barrell	Raysons wt. 3. 0. 0
Outlaw	226	ditto . 3. 0.18

one chaldron & halfe of coales
3000 flemish bricks

1000 ten inch tiles
7 small guns wt. as

	C.	q.	li.
1	2.	0.	1
1	2.	0.	14
1	2.	0.	4
1	1.	2.	20
1	1.	2.	21
1	1.	3.	16
1	1.	2.	16

7 guns

4 pettereros wte. as

	C.	q.	li.
1	0.	3.	0
1	0.	2.	8
1	1.	2.	–
1	1.	0.	15

4 pettereros & 4 chambers to them

3 ferkins butter

25	barrells lead shot	B.
25	ditto	G.
15	ditto	E.
8	ditto	P.
5	ditto	C.
15	ditto	I.
93		

2972 Engelish bricks
one quarter caske vinegar
two barrells Tarr
halfe a barrell pitch
a bundle spunge staves qts. 12 *Outlaw*
two halberds
12 halfe pikes
one black bill

38 halfe barrells powder
one copper furnace
one Greeneland shallop & 12 oares
one grapling for the shallop
100 whole Deales of 12 foote
100 ditto of 10 foote
50 slitt deales
1 quarter caske brandy
one Rundlett sherry qts. 20 gallons for the Governour
The Compa. seale
Bond one and halfe chaldron of sea coales
3000 flemish bricks
1000 of 10 inch tiles
one hogs. lyme
one small caske hayre
3000 Engelish bricks
7 small guns wt. as

	C.	q.	li.
1 . .	. 1.	2.	14
1 . .	. 1.	2.	12
1 . .	. 1.	2.	16
1 . .	. 1.	2.	22
1 . .	. 1.	3.	4
1 . .	. 2.	0.	4
1 . .	. 2.	0.	15

7 guns

4 pettereros wte. as

	C.	q.	li.
1 . .	. 0.	3.	4
1 . .	. 0.	2.	25
1 . .	. 1.	0.	15
1 . .	. 1.	1.	25

4 petteros
4 chambers to them
4 ferkins butter
1 quarter caske vinegar
2 barrells tarr
1 barrell pitch

one bundle spunge staves qts. 12
one bundle muskett rods qts. 24 wood & 2 of iron *Bond*
2 halberds
12 halfe pikes
1 black bill
1 pole axe
a copper frÿng pan
38 halfe barrells powder

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25 barrells lead shot B.
25 ditto . . . G.
15 ditto . . . E.
8 ditto . . . P.
5 ditto . . . C.
15 ditto . . . I.

—

93 barrells ditto

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one copper furnace
one Greenland shallop & 12 oares
one grapling iron for the shallop
a kilderkin of virginia wheate
2 Quarter caskes brandy

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31 sashes, which was not included in the bill of Ladeing I knew nothing of it untill 7br. 84.

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Albin, Onesiphorus

Onesiphorus Albin was " sworne into the Compas. Service to be there Secretary " on November 14, 1681, although it would appear that he had written out the " Orders of the Committee in the Faire Booke of Orders " during the preceding fortnight or three weeks (*H.B.S.*,VIII, 146, 147, 152). No agreement was made at the time regarding salary, but on January 5, 1682, Sir James Hayes arranged with Albin that this should be at the rate of £80 per annum and that his duties should also include those of " husband ", except for the ships (ibid., p. 168). How well he carried out the duties of " husband " cannot be estimated, but in the early days his purchases of cloth seem to have been unsuccessful (ibid., pp. 169, 186). Albin was the first secretary to sign official documents, authority first being given to him on July 26, 1682 (p. 17). He made several applications for an increase of salary, and when one of these requests was considered by the Committee on May 28, 1684, it was resolved that a gratuity of £100 should be given him and he was promised that his case would again be considered when " the next shipps shall arrive in safty from Hudsons Bay ". It was recognised that Albin had been " faithfull & Dilligent . . . in his owne Station " and " very serviceable also in all the affaires of the Compa." (p. 250). The Company's ships arrived safely in the Thames in the autumn of 1684, and on December 19 the Committee again considered Albin's salary. An order was given to increase it to £180 per annum as from May 9, 1684, and for " his past services " a gratuity of £50 was made to him (A.1/8, fo. 8). On October 20, 1686, Albin was excused from carrying out certain duties outside the office on account of lameness (A.1/84, fo. 40d.), but a week later the Committee reported that he had " Absconded from the Companies Service these Eight days " (ibid., fo. 42). His wife appeared before the Committee on that day to demand his wages, and it was " ordered that his Acct. bee made up, & what Shall bee found due Shall bee justly answered " (ibid.). Mrs. Albin was requested to leave the family quarters in Scriveners' Hall, but on her refusal to quit until she had been paid the Committee ordered two of their servants, George Potter and John Worsell, to " Constantly lodge in the House every night & one of them at least Continually remaine heere all the day " (ibid.). On November 1, 1686, the Committee recorded that Albin was " Embroiled in Severall troubles & debts " and resolved that as he was unfit for his position he was " totally discharged from the Companies Service ". Mrs. Albin was requested to remove her family and goods from the Hall within the next two days, but she stated her intention of not departing until the Company had paid her £620 (ibid., fo. 42d.). How soon she left Scriveners' Hall is not known, but Albin's account when finally balanced on August 10, 1697, showed a debit of £412 19*s.* 2*d.* (A.14/5, fo. 27). This amount was written off as a bad debt on September 29, 1713 (A.15/5, fo. 222). Late in 1686, Albin petitioned the King for redress against the Company (A.6/1, fos. 80-1). In this petition he stated that he had been " educated a Merchant & accountant " and that for a time he was chief accountant in the Treasury Office in Ireland, " where he was acquainted with Sir James Hayes ". On his return to London, Albin acted as accountant to several merchants and from this source and other employment he made £200 per annum. Albin stated that Sir James Hayes " did Importune " him to become secretary and accountant to the Hudson's Bay Company at £80 a year, " alleadging 2 houres in a day would performe all the Duties they Required from him ", and that he would make another £20 a year in perquisites. But he found the Company's books in confusion " & the duty Incumbent upon the sd. place to be soe great " that it was arranged he should give up his other employments and devote full time to the Company's interests. When Scriveners' Hall was leased Albin was given apartments there, which he furnished himself, and he " kept 3 generall Servants there for the Compas. use for 5 years ". Albin's complaint was that Richard Cradock, one of the Committee Members, " conceived some causeles displeasure " against him and swore to ruin him. To that end Cradock was accused of instigating Albin's creditors " to take all his goods in Execution " and to cast him into the King's Bench Prison. Albin claimed that the Company owed him £700 for wages for himself, for " dyet & wages for the said servants for 5 years & other Just allowances ". On January 14, 1687, the petition was referred by the King in Council to the Company for a reply and a few days later one was returned denying the allegations made. This reply was considered by the King in Council on January 28, 1687, and Albin's petition was dismissed. (See *Acts of the Privy Council of England, Colonial Series, A.D.*, 1680-1720, II, No. 216.) Albin's son, Joseph, served the Company for a short time. See p. 41 and n. 1.

Baron, George

George Baron first became connected with the Hudson's Bay Company on January 21, 1680, when he acquired £300 stock. He was elected to the Committee in November, 1682, for one year and again in November, 1684, and November, 1685. In the Company's records he was described merely as a merchant of London, but in his will dated October 9, 1685 (Somerset House, P.C.C., Lloyd 87), he was described as of the parish of St. James, Garlickhithe. The will did not describe Baron's trade, but an annuity left to the poor seamen of Barnstaple, Devon, and their widows, and a legacy to a nephew of shares in three vessels (the *Bilboa Merchant*, the *Elizabeth* and the *Bisra Merchant*) suggest that shipping was a part of his activities. Baron's last attendance at a Committee meeting was on March 26, 1686 (A.1/84, fo. 23d.). His death occurred after that date and before December 8, 1686 (A.1/9, fo. 2d.), and his will was proved on May 14, 1687. This will is a very complicated and lengthy document, the original consisting of forty-seven pages, and it is apparent from it that Baron was a very wealthy man. Amongst the various charitable bequests there was one for an annuity of £10 to be paid for ever to the Lecturer for the time being and to his successors at the parish of Egloskerry in Cornwall, where he was born, "for and towards his and their preaching a Sermon in the Parish Church of the Parish of Egloskerry aforesaid in the forenoon on the Lords day [once] yearly forever." Another bequest was for 2*s.* 0*d.* per week for ever to be spent on bread to be distributed to the "ancient poore Widowers and Widowes" of the parish of St. James, Garlickhithe, London. George Baron and his wife, Elizabeth, had no children and the most valuable part of his estate was bequeathed to John Baron, then a student at Oxford, son of his deceased brother, Jonathan Baron. Most of the numerous nephews and nieces who were also beneficiaries were mentioned by name in the will, and when the original executors renounced execution, the task was taken over by the residuary legatees, William and Christopher Baron, sons of another brother, and both of Egloskerry, Cornwall. Baron possessed property in several counties besides houses and tenements in Shadwell, Middlesex, and in Wood Street, London. His Hudson's Bay stock, which is not mentioned specifically in the will, devolved upon the residuary legatees. The final distribution of the estate did not take place until after July 30, 1741.

French, John

John French, M.A., was the first clergyman to serve the Company in Hudson Bay. On April 30, 1683, he was engaged for three years at £20 per annum, his wages to commence on his arrival in the Bay. He apparently went to the fort at Chichewan (Albany) for in the accounts for May 16, 1683, amongst the land provisions sent to that place, there is a record of " parsnip & French barley for the parson " to the value of 18*s.* 10*d.*, and on June 27 following " Rice for the Minister " costing 16*s.* 6*d.* was listed amongst the provisions for that place. John French's wages dated from August 27, 1683, and payment of the first year's amount was made to his attorney, Lawrence French, on December 17, 1684. This was presumably the man who was a stockholder in the Hudson's Bay Company in 1681 (see *H.B.S.*, VIII, 149, n. 1). The same arrangement was carried out for the wages earned during 1684-85. On May 20, 1686, the Governor and Committee wrote to Governor Henry Sergeant in Hudson Bay instructing him " to resigne up the Governemt." and to return to England " your selfe with all your Family & Mr. French the Minister too ", but before these instructions reached Sergeant a French force led by the Chevalier de Troyes had come from Canada and captured the three forts at the Bottom of the Bay. Albany was taken in July, 1686, and the Company's servants were made prisoners. According to the articles drawn up between de Troyes and Sergeant (A.6/1, fo. 125d.), the latter was to retain everything that properly belonged to him and that " his Minister his Three men Servants and his Maid Servant " should " constantly bee pmitted. to remaine with him and attend him ". The first account of the incident from Hudson Bay to reach the Governor and Committee (A.6/1, fo. 120), stated that fifty-one prisoners from the three forts were " put aboard a Weake Leaky Vessell called the *Colleton* with Scanty provisions to venture to gett to Port Nelson or Perish at Sea ", and added that " . . . above 20 have Since miserably dyed frozen and Starved ". French reached Port Nelson alive. The accounts show that he obtained provisions there and drew a bill on the Company in favour of Pierre Esprit Radisson on February 7, 1687, but as the remaining salary due to him was " accounted with Lawrence French his Executor " on January 25, 1688, he presumably died before returning to England. Letters of Administration were granted to Lawrence French on November 16, 1687 (Somerset House, P.C.C., Administration Act Book, 1687).

Hayes, Sir James

James Hayes was a son and heir of James Hayes, gentleman, of Beckington, Somerset. He matriculated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on February 19, 1649, and was admitted to Lincoln's Inn on October 17 of the same year. He became a barrister-at-law in 1656 and Recorder and Member of Parliament for Marlborough three years later.

Hayes, like several of his associates-to-be in the Hudson's Bay Company, was a foundation member of the Royal Society and in November, 1667, he was elected to the Council of that body. On March 28, 1666, Pepys recorded meeting, with a friend, " Mr. Hayes, Prince Rupert's Secretary ", and added: " who are mighty, both, briske blades, but I fear they promise themselves more than they [can] expect " (H. B. Wheatley (ed.), *The Diary of Samuel Pepys M.A., F.R.S.* . . . (London, 1897), V, 256-7). But this estimate of Hayes' prospects was revised somewhat by October 24 following, when Pepys referred to him as " a very ingenius man ", and added : " and one, I think, fit to contract some friendship with . . ." (ibid., VI, 36). On July 12, 1669, Hayes and ten associates (some of whom were later to become connected with the Hudson's Bay Company) were granted the revenue of Ireland for a term of seven years, subject to a yearly rent of £75,000. (J. G. Nichols (ed.), *The Topographer and Genealogist* (London, 1854), Part XIV, p. 146). In 1674 Hayes apparently attempted to succeed Lord Ranelagh as Chancellor of the Exchequer of Ireland, but the Lord Lieutenant, looking " on that place to be judicial ", and realising " there was some bargain in the case ", declared: " Sure I am, I would never do it myself, nor can I indeed agree to have any share in consenting to it ". (*Cal. S. P. Dom., Charles II*, 1673-75, p. 242). As will be seen from *H.B.S.*, V, passim, Hayes was associated with the Hudson Bay venture from the very beginning. He made his first payment, a sum of £20, on December 24, 1667, and at incorporation held £270 stock. He was a signatory to the instructions issued to Captains Stannard and Gillam in 1668, and besides being named as James Hayes, Esq., in the charter of May 2, 1670, he was mentioned in the earlier instruments of incorporation dated June 23 and October 21, 1669, and April 18, 1670 (see *Minnesota History*, XVI, G. L. Nute (ed.), " Radisson and Groseilliers' Contribution to Geography ", pp. 423-6). On June 28, 1670, he was created a knight bachelor by King Charles II. The list of Hudson's Bay Company adventurers printed in 1673 (see *The Beaver*, (Winnipeg, Hudson's Bay Company), March 1936, p. 17) shows Hayes and the Earl of Shaftesbury as the largest stockholders, each having £600, and Hayes' stock account (printed in *H.B.S.*, V, 166-8) records that in 1674 he held £1,800 worth, despite a resolution of the Committee of February 17, 1673, fixing the maximum holding of any single adventurer at £1,500 (ibid., p. 44). His account (ibid., p. 168) and the Book of Assignments (A.43/1, fos. 5d.-6d.) together record two transactions in May, 1675, which cancelled each other, and four between September 14 and 17, 1675, which suggest that he was speculating on the return of the ships from the 1674-75 voyage.

On September 14 Hayes bought Sir John Robinson's total holding of £400, making his own up to £2,200, and three days later, a week before the *Shaftesbury* pink arrived at Deal (*H.B.S.*, V, 74, n. 1), he sold it in three amounts. This reduced his holding once more to £1,800, which is the amount shown in the printed list of adventurers for November 1, 1675 (see *The Beaver*, March, 1936, p. 18). On November 18, 1675, Hayes reduced his holding to the ceiling figure of £1,500, which is the amount shown in the list of March 26, 1676 (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 307), at which date he was by far the largest stockholder. Shaftesbury came next with a holding of £700. Hayes' stock remained at £1,500 until February 28, 1677, when he assigned £300 to his daughter's godmother, Lady Margaret Drax (ibid., p. 225). On March 18, 1678, Hayes sold a further £300 stock, and ten days later replaced it by a purchase of £300, but he disposed of this sum on May 27, 1678, to his sister, Mrs. Abigaill Blake, of the city of Winchester, widow of Edward Blake, " late of Enham in the County of Southampton Gent. decd." (A.43/1, fo. 11d.). Another £300 stock was sold on April 3, 1679, making his remaining holding worth £600, but a purchase of £150 on July 25 following brought the amount up to £750 and showed faith in the Company's fortunes at a time when they " lookd. wth. so ill an aspect " that the Earl of Shaftesbury was selling out completely (*H.B.S.*, VIII, xxi, xxvii). Others of the leading adventurers were to follow Shaftesbury's example, but Hayes held on to his £750 stock and the safe return of the *John and Alexander* in December, 1679, and the satisfactory sale of her cargo, justified his faith. Of the three vessels sent to Hudson Bay in 1680 only one, the chartered ship *Prudent Mary*, was expected home in the autumn of that year. But, on November 10, 1680, some time before the Committee had quite given up hope of her return (ibid., p. 96), Hayes sold £150 stock. Between December 24 and 27, 1680, he sold further amounts of £100, £200 and £200, thus reducing his holding to £100. This was £100 less than the amount that an adventurer should hold to qualify for election to the Committee. On January 3, 1681, Hayes bought £200 stock, increasing his holding to £300, and this is the amount shown in the list of adventurers for August, 1682 (ibid., p. 308). Although the Company's affairs had improved since early in 1681 (ibid., pp. xxxi-ii) Hayes had not increased his holding. John Letten was now the leading stockholder with £1,000, followed closely by William Yonge with £600. Hayes' balance of £300 was increased to £400 on February 24, 1683, but £100 was sold on July 2 following. The remaining holding of £300 remained intact until June 25, 1687, when £100 worth was sold. The last £200 were sold on January 14, 1688, in £100 lots to

Samuel Ongley and Nicholas Hayward. The transaction with Hayward, which closed Hayes' connection of over twenty-one years with the adventurers, will be referred to again later in this sketch. Throughout nearly the whole of his association with the Company Hayes took an active part in its affairs; at first behind the scenes in his capacity as secretary to Prince Rupert and later openly as a Committee Member and Deputy Governor. Pepys has left it on record (Wheatley, *Pepys' Diary*, VI, 168, February 11, 1667) that Prince Rupert had no liking for business, so it is apparent that in the early days of the Company, Hayes, as his secretary, would have carried out the tiresome details of organisation. Hayes' account (*H.B.S.*, V, 170–1) gives some idea of the services rendered by him both before and after incorporation on May 2, 1670, and shows how Prince Rupert's "brisk and officious secretary . . . at first keeping somewhat in the background" became, before 1679, the holder of more than a sixth of the whole nominal stock of the Company (ibid., pp. [illegible]). Although he was not elected to the Committee until November 20, 1672, the earliest surviving minutes record his attendance at Committees during April, 1671. He was re-elected to the Committee in 1673, 1674 and 1675, and although the minutes from the middle of 1674 until November, 1679, are missing it seems highly probable that he was elected Deputy Governor at least as early as November, 1676. He was certainly elected to that office in November of each year from 1679 to 1684 inclusive. Hayes was the link between the Company and the Court of King Charles II and, to quote Professor Clark (*H.B.S.*, VIII, xxv), "The daily work of the Company was done by the Deputy Governor and the Committee. Sir James Hayes, the Deputy Governor, was the chief man . . . he hardly ever missed a meeting of the Committee in London. He personally handled matters which needed more than the ordinary business man's experience." The special tasks carried out by Hayes during 1680–82 are referred to in *H.B.S.*, VIII, and in the present volume it will be seen that in 1683 his special work included petitioning the King in Council in the matter of illegal imports of beaver (p. 100), and opening up a correspondence with the Government and other responsible persons of New England in an effort to prevent further interloping attempts to Hudson Bay from those colonies (p. 110 et seq.). The "present of Furrs" made to Hayes' wife (p. 157) in November, 1683, was no doubt a mark of the Committee's appreciation of his efforts. When the news of Radisson's depredations at Port Nelson reached London in the late autumn of 1684 Hayes took on the long and difficult task of preparing the Company's case for presentation to the French King and at different stages of the negotiations he was obliged to attend the English Court. On October 3, 1684, the Committee recorded their appreciation "of the great paines & care" which Hayes had lately taken in the Company's affairs "at the Court at Winchester" and unanimously returned him "their hearty thankes", and ordered that the expenses incurred by the journey should be borne by the Company (A.1/7, fo. 2d). The sum of twenty guineas was voted for this purpose on October 31, 1684 (Ibid., fo. 4d) and a piece of plate purchased for Hayes. Further appreciation of his services was expressed on November 28, 1684, when the money was voted to pay the Committee members for their attendances at meetings. On this occasion it was recorded, "because Sr. James Hayes has taken a great Deale of paines at the Courte at Winchester this summer . . . and comeing to London severall times from his country house at Tew [Oxfordshire] it is therefore ordered that he shall have a full allowance as any of the . . . Committee" (A.1/8, fo. 3). In November, 1684, Hayes was elected Deputy Governor for the last time. In the following February King Charles II died and was succeeded by his brother James, Duke of York, who was thus obliged to give up his governorship of the Hudson's Bay Company. The vacancy was filled by John, Lord Churchill, then a follower and supporter of James. The King still retained his financial interest in the Company, and the direct connection with the Court was maintained. Hayes' influence appears to have been on the wane during his last year in office and a party on the Committee seems to have formed against him. He carried out his usual duties in preparing memorials to be presented to the French Court and in drafting the letters and instructions to be sent to Hudson Bay in the late spring of 1685. The last special duty required of him by the Committee was recorded on July 15, 1685, when he was "Desired to waite upon . . . Lord Churchill to know his Lordshipps pleasure when the Committee shall waite upon him to Congratulate his Lordshipps safe Returne from the Campaign against the [Duke of Monmouth's] Rebells in the West of England" (A.1/8, fo. 17d). During part of August and September, 1685, the Committee did not meet, but a Subcommittee made up of Sir Edward Dering, Richard Cradock, George Bowe and Samuel Clarke met frequently to audit the Company's accounts (A.1/8, fo. 21). At their meeting on September 16, 1685 (A.1/8, fo. 22), the secretary was ordered to request Hayes for "particulars as to every Article" in "a bill he brings in acctt. [which] are in Generall Articles", and "to deliver up to the Committee, the Originalls of those journalls [Radisson's] which are in French, that they may remaine in the Secretaryes office" (Ibid., fo. 22d). Hayes apparently ignored the request about the accounts, but the journals were delivered on the same day to Sir Edward Dering, Bart., and that [illegible] of the Company's [illegible] (see H.B.R.S. [illegible]). It is not known if Hayes sought re-election as Deputy Governor at the General Court held in November 1685. He attended the Court which elected Sir Edward Dering to succeed him, and from henceforward he no longer took an active part in the Company's affairs. A new subcommittee composed of Richard Cradock, George Baron, Samuel Clarke and Benjamin Whitt was formed to audit the Company's books, and on November 20, 1685, the Secretary was again ordered to ask Hayes for details of his accounts "both for the Justice of the thing and also for their Honours better direction in necessary expences on the like occasion" (H.B.R.S. IX, [illegible]). Hayes apparently gave no satisfactory reply and the matter was left outstanding. On January 27, 1686, it was recorded in the minutes (H.B.R.S. [illegible]) that "The Secretary being sent by Sr. Edw. Dering [illegible] to Sr. James Hayes for such papers as hee had of this Companies [illegible] the Lord Commissioners [illegible] Sr. James Hayes [illegible] Deliver the same [illegible] the Committee [illegible] the Dep. Gov. & the Committee [illegible] to the Crowne". [illegible] nothing more was done in the matter until [illegible], 1687, when Sir Edward Dering wrote to Hayes "at his house in [illegible] Street" requesting him "to deliver to the Secretary [illegible] the Remaining parte of such Books and papers as you have in your hands [illegible] relating to the Company [illegible]" ([illegible]). Hayes [illegible] to the [illegible], but he apparently delayed complying with the request as long as possible. On April [illegible], 1687, Nicholas Hayward reported that "Sr James Hayes had delivered [illegible] Letters and Captain Benjamin Gillam's Journall" ([illegible]). This particular narrative of Radisson has not been identified and neither is any Gillam's journal in the Company's archives. However, not all of the Company's papers were back by May [illegible], 1687. Dering [illegible] Hayes to [illegible] the Committee at [illegible] Lord Sunderland [illegible] a meeting of the Commissioners upon the French business [illegible]. The [illegible] Rummer Tavern at Charing Cross", and to "bring with you what papers you may thinke usefull if you have any such" ([illegible]). Hayes' reply has not been traced. When Hayes sold the last of his stock in January [illegible], 1688, the last [illegible] which was assigned to Nicholas Hayward, who was then a

Committee Member. The transaction had not been settled by the time the Committee met four days later and Hayward was requested by the members to suspend payment as Hayes owed the Company "a Considerable Summe of money" (A.1/10). Hayes' retort was to institute proceedings against Hayward in the King's Bench for £500, and on the Committee being informed of this on January 25, 1688, they ordered " That a Bill in Chancery be forthwith exhibited against Sr. James Hayes . . . to cause him to give an accompt of the Severall moneys hee has received from this Company, and to Stay proceedings in the Suite by him Committed against Mr. Hayward, and to make such Stock Lyable to make good the Ballance of his accompt . . ." (A.1/10). But Hayward took counsel's opinion and was advised that he could not stop payment, nor could the Company protect him " by exhibiting their Bill ", so the Company was obliged to stay proceedings against Hayes (A.1/10, February 1, 1688). The extent of Hayes' indebtedness to the Company is not clear from the Ledger. The matter remained outstanding until November 21, 1694, when " Charges on Merchantdize Dr. to Sr. James Hayes £136 : 14 : 9 Being Moneys Laid out by him formerly for the Compies. accott. & ought to have been dischargd. by Mr. Albin ", were " set to Ball. that accott." (A.15/3, fo. 78). Hayes died on February 2, 1693. His will, dated January 11, 1693, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on June 20, 1694, and in it he described himself as of Great Bedgbury in the County of Kent, a house he built in 1688 (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1792, p. 21). He left £10 to the poor of the parish of Goudhurst, Kent, and a similar bequest was made to the poor of Great Tew, Oxfordshire. His exectuors were his wife; his brother, John; his nephew, James Blake; and his friend, Arthur Moore. His sister, " Abi. Blake ", then of London, was one of the witnesses. Others referred to in the will were: his brother-in-law, John Humfrey; his daughter, Rachel, then under age; his son and heir, James; and his son, William, of whom Hayes remarked, " I hope he will be well provided for by the parsonage of Tew and otherwise ". Hayes' wife, whom he married about 1665, was Rachel, daughter of Anthony Hungerford of Blackbourton, Oxfordshire, and widow of Henry Cary, fourth Viscount Falkland. Hayes thus became the brother-in-law of Sir Edward Hungerford, who was to be associated with him in the Hudson's Bay Company. John Hayes may presumably be identified with the man of that name who held stock in the Hudson's Bay Company during 1683-84. A James Blake of London, merchant, held £300 stock in the Hudson's Bay Company for less than one week in April, 1687, and may possibly have been Hayes' nephew. Arthur Moore, of London, gentleman, too, was a stockholder in the Company for a similarly short period in October, 1687. Hayes' brother-in-law, Humfrey, was presumably the Rev. John Humfrey (see p. 72) of St. Giles in the Fields, London, who acquired £150 stock from Mrs. Abigaill Blake on May 31, 1682, and held varying amounts until December 20, 1686. According to Strype, *Stow's Survey Of London*, VI, 82, the Viscountess Falkland placed a flat stone before the communion table in the parish church of St. James', Westminster (St. James', Piccadilly), to Sir James Hayes' memory, but it was lost when the church was destroyed by enemy action during the 1939–45 war. Hayes Island on which Moose Factory was built, Fort Hayes established on the Nelson River by John Bridgar in 1682 and destroyed by Radisson in the following year, and Hayes River (from the source of the Echimamish to Hudson Bay) were named after Sir James Hayes.

Lane, Daniel

Daniel Lane of the parish of St. Aldermary, London, gave his age as about thirty years and described himself as a Protestant when he made an affidavit on March 12, 1684, supporting the Hudson's Bay Company against the interlopers in the High Court of Admiralty action (see p. 272). It is not known when he first entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, but his account in the ledger (A.14/3, fos. 118d.-119) was credited with four months' " Factory wages " at 40*s*. 0*d*. per month on April 21, 1680, and in their letter to Governor Nixon of May 21 following, the Governor and Committee remarked that notice had been received that Daniel Lane desired " to return home this time ", i.e. in 1680 (A.6/1, fo. 7). But Lane's return to England was delayed until the autumn of 1681 owing to the wreck of the *Prudent Mary*, the only vessel due to return to England in 1680. Nixon apparently offered Lane, " a foremastman ", the command of a sloop but, like several others, he refused on account of the hazardous nature of the work (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 283). At a Committee held on March 17, 1682 (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 195), the services of " Daniell Lane of wapping Marriner " were accepted for three years at £30 per year, but in the following month Lane received an offer of more money from Charles Boone, John Davall and Alexander Jennings to go on an interloping voyage to Hudson Bay. Without cancelling his contract with the Hudson's Bay Company, Lane accepted this new offer of £4 per month and sailed in the unsuccessful voyage of the " *Expectation* alias the *Charles* " in the summer of 1682. In the summer of 1683 the

Expectation sailed again and Lane carried goods valued about £14 or £15 for trade on his own account. When the *Expectation* was captured by Captain Nehemiah Walker, Lane was brought to England in the *Diligence* and the Company instituted proceedings against him in the Sheriff's Court "in an Action of £3000" (p. 199). He was imprisoned in the Poultry Compter from which place he petitioned the Company to release him from "his misserable and low condition". The Committee recorded on February 13, 1684, that in return he offered to "Ingeniously confess all matters relateing to his last voyage to Hudsons Bay in the Interloper" (p. 199), and on February 20 the Company ordered Lane to be set at liberty (p. 202). On the same day he was re-admitted into the Company's service for a term of three years at £30 per annum, to begin from breaking ground at Gravesend (ibid.). His confession "aboute goeing in the Interlopeing Designe" was delivered to the Company's solicitor on February 27, 1684, but it is no longer in the Company's archives. Lane made the voyage to Port Nelson and back as second mate of the chartered ship *Happy Return* in 1684 and in the following year he sailed for the Bottom of the Bay as chief mate in the chartered ship *Success*. The vessel arrived safely in the Bay and apparently took aboard part of her homeward cargo. According to the charter-party, she was due to return to England that season, but her captain, John Outlaw, either did not or could not begin the homeward voyage before unfavourable ice conditions set in and the *Success* was obliged to winter in Hudson Bay. The members of her crew were apparently sent to Moose and Albany to await the next season of open water, but the ship was "Cast away" on December 11, 1685, "on the Northwest of . . . Hudsons Bay" (A.9/4, fo. 5). Lane was one of the men sent to Moose Factory and when that fort was captured on June 11, 1686, by the French expedition from Canada led by de Troyes, he was taken prisoner. The story of the next few months is not clear, but apparently the French assembled their prisoners from Moose, Rupert River and Albany at Charlton Island and left the *Colleton* yacht to take them to Port Nelson. The vessel could not carry all the Englishmen and twenty-two, of whom Lane was one, were left behind. These twenty-two men, who were without provisions, decided to throw themselves upon the mercy of the French occupying Moose Factory, and performed part of the journey in a shallop made from the wreck of the *Success* and made the rest of their way overland. They arrived about October 1 and "found a very Cold Recepcion". The Indians took compassion on twelve of the men and the remaining ten dragged out a miserable and terrible existence near the fort. Lane was one of these men, who came to think of " Crow's Martins and such like Choyse Vyands " (A.6/1, fo. 128). A party of Frenchmen left for Canada taking Lane and another Englishman with them, but they were obliged to return, knowing the way " noe further then Ruperts River " (ibid.). The French supplied the destitute Englishmen with a small quantity of powder and shot and some of them managed to survive the northern winter, to be taken to France in the autumn of 1687. Lane was apparently not amongst the prisoners taken to France so he must have succumbed to the terrible hardships of that winter. His wages from September 1, 1684, to June 11, 1686, were accounted for with Thomas Dowse, his administrator, on April 25, 1688.

Lucas, Richard

In an affidavit dated March 11, 1684, supporting the Hudson's Bay Company against Charles Boone and John Davall in the High Court of Admiralty action (P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/79), Richard Lucas gave his age as about twenty-eight years, and described himself as a Protestant of " Redriffe alias Rotherhith ". In the same affidavit Lucas also stated that it was about eleven years since he had entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, but the earliest surviving record of him in the Company's archives lists him as second mate and gunner of the *Prince Rupert* on the voyage to Hudson Bay in 1678 (A.15/1, fo. 12). This vessel remained in Hudson Bay until 1681, but Lucas returned to England in the *John and Alexander* in 1679. On January 28, 1680, the Committee directed Lucas " to apply to Captain [Nehemiah] Walker to be his Mate in the next Expedicion " (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 30), but Walker did not take a ship to the Bay that year and Lucas appears to have sailed with Captain Richard Greenway in the chartered ship *Prudent Mary*. This vessel was wrecked on Tetherley's Island, north of Charlton Island, James Bay, after she had taken on board her homeward cargo. Greenway, Lucas, and other members of the crew returned to England in 1681 in either the *Prince Rupert* or the *Albemarle*, and on October 31 Lucas " desired his Goods and some Consideration for himselfe and Men that saved the Goods " from the wrecked ship (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 138). Lucas was allowed " £10 in part for his Gratuity ", and on December 7 he was granted £15 for his " great care and paines for Salvage of Goods " out of the *Prudent Mary* (ibid., pp. 148, 158). Apparently Lucas did not enter into a new contract to serve the Hudson's Bay Company and, according to his own story (P.R.O., H.C.A., 13/79), he was approached by Charles Boone and others in May, 1682, to command a ship then being outfitted for an interloping voyage to Hudson Bay. Lucas accepted the command of the "*Expectation* alias the *Charles*" at £6 per month and sailed from Gravesend to Dartmouth in the early part of June, 1682. The vessel was then victualled for about eighteen months and set sail for Hudson Bay, and eventually turned back to Dartmouth. During the winter of 1682-83 the *Expectation* was laid up at Dartmouth and Lucas returned to London. Under orders dated April 28, 1683, Lucas again took command of the *Expectation* and set sail for Hudson Bay. Besides the owners' cargo he carried guns, powder, shot, clothes, knives and other things for trade on his own account. Whilst in Hudson Strait in July, 1683, the vessel was captured by Nehemiah Walker in command of the chartered ship *Diligence* and Lucas and his crew were taken prisoners. Walker and his prisoners arrived in England late in October, 1683 (p. 142). Lucas appears to have been released and on February 20, 1684, he "humbly requested to be Admitted into the Compa. Service" (p. 202). His request was granted, apparently upon terms, for seven days later his confession "aboute goeing in the Interlopeing Design" (p. 204) and his sailing orders were delivered to the Company's solicitor, and on March 11 following he made the affidavit referred to previously. His new contract was for three years at the rate of £5 per month, to begin at breaking ground at Gravesend, and he gave the Company his bond for £1,000 (p. 202). On May 2, 1684, Lucas took the oath of fidelity to the Company and on the same day made an affidavit concerning the interloping voyage before one of the Masters of Chancery (p. 234). This affidavit has not been found in the Company's archives. On May 16, 1684, Lucas sailed to Charlton Island as chief mate of the chartered ship *John and Thomas* (Captain Leonard Edgcombe), and he returned to England in the same capacity in the autumn of that year. In 1685 Lucas made a successful voyage to and from Charlton Island in command of the chartered ship *Owner's Goodwill*. On Governor Sergeant's instructions he brought home "one Monsieur Parry a person that came from Canada to Albany river the last winter as a Spye", and on arrival in England the prisoner remained in his custody (A.1/8, fo. 46d.). The Frenchman proved troublesome and on November 11, 1685, was committed to the Wood Street Compter (A.1/84, fo. 2). At the end of the 1685 voyage Lucas still had a further year to serve the Company, but on April 17, 1686, he applied to be released from his engagement as he could not "goe as a Master to and from Hudsons Bay", saying that he could "proffitt himselfe better & more then in the Compa. service". The Committee agreed to release him and on April 23 following, no doubt bearing in mind his usefulness as a witness in the law suits against the interlopers, settled his account and gave him " a Certificate of his true & Faithfull service " (A.1/84, fos. 26d., 28d.).

Nixon, John

John Nixon entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1679 under the patronage of the Earl of Shaftesbury and Sir Peter Colleton. He was appointed to succeed Charles Bayly as Governor of the Company's territories and he gave a bond for £5,000 to the Governor and Committee as security (p. 124). He sailed for Hudson Bay in the *John and Alexander* (Captain Nehemiah Walker) on May 23, 1679, and his salary for his first year of service was £100. Nixon gave an account of his outward voyage in his report to the Governor and Committee written in 1682 and this is apparently his only writing to survive. (See *H.B.S.*, VIII, 239-304). Nixon complained bitterly of the treatment he received from Walker on the outward voyage of 1679 (pp. 258-62). On arrival in Hudson Bay, he took over the command from Charles Bayly and, after one year's service, the Governor and Committee wrote to him on May 29, 1680 (A.6/1, fo. 6d.), " And as an encouragement to you to use your utmost diligence in the service, Wee do hereby grant & establish upon you the Salary of Two hundred pounds p. ann. to commence from your receit of this our Letter instead of One hundred pounds p. ann. wch. was settled upon you when you first entred upon yor. imployment, And wee do hope you will not be the lesse diligent, though the Earl of Shaftesbury and Sr. Peter Colleton, who first brought you into the Compa's service, have sold themselves out . . ." Apparently Nixon's first reports home to the Governor and Committee " were . . . an ample Narrative " of the disorder and confusion he found in Hudson Bay upon his arrival. The Governor and Committee replied on May 15, 1682, " it had been Wonderfull if it had proved, other wise ", and added, " We shall make no other reply then to tell you, wee hope you have and will take Speciall care to make a thorough reformation ", (A.6/1, fo. 16). Complaints against Nixon himself had not been wanting. Most of the servants who had returned to England in the previous year had reported that Nixon had carried himself " with tomuch in humanity and cruelty towards the Natives ", and the complaint brought a rebuke from the Governor and Committee. They told him that prudence directed he should always be upon his guard for his own safety, and added: " yet Experience teaches that mild and Gentile Usage doth more obtaine upon the most Savage Natures then to much Severity ", and, as a final caution, " . . . take heed that the morossness of your temper turne not to the prejudice of our affaires ". Similar advice was given to him regarding his treatment of the Company's servants, and then an assurance that they were " passing over the severall Complaintes " made against him by returning servants (ibid., fo. 16). By the time Nixon received this letter he had many more complaints to make as may be seen from his report of 1682. Captain Walker had arrived in the *Diligence* in 1681 and was to winter on Charlton Island. Nixon, who had met him there to arrange the season's business, was unable to get back to his headquarters at Moose River on account of bad weather, and so was obliged to winter in the same house. They could not agree and Nixon's report complained of Walker as a quarrelsome drunkard (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 265 et seq). On April 27, 1683, the Deputy Governor and Committee wrote to Nixon: " We have thought fit in regard to your great age and disability to travaile & endure the Hardship which the place you have for severall yeares held under us doe require, to recall you from your Governement in Hudsons Bay, and we have chosen Mr. Henry Sergeant the bearer hereof to succeed you in that charge . . ." (A.6/1, fo. 32). Nixon, who had described himself as " antiant " in his report of 1682 (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 294), surrendered his command on August 27, 1683 (A.15/2, fo. 105), and apparently returned to England in the *Diligence*, which was once more commanded by his old opponent, Nehemiah Walker. On March 12, 1684, Nixon was advising the Committee on the most suitable tobacco to send to Hudson Bay (p. 210), and on June 4, 1684 (p. 251), he was giving " many reasons why he did alter the Standard of trade " (see p. 237, n. 2). Apparently, until he had satisfied the Committee on this score his account could not be settled. On June 18 following, after " a large debate ", the Committee ordered his account, amounting to £305, to be paid on June 30, 1684 (p. 256). Sir Edward Dering was the only member of the Committee to " Declare his Dislike in acct. of Mr. Nixons Lowring the Standard of trade ", which he believed to be " Prejudiciall to the Company " (ibid.). The account was accordingly settled on July 1, 1685 (A.15/2, fo. 105). Nothing is known of Nixon's origin or early life. In his report of 1682 he remarked: " I have been in the East-india and heard from the natives themselves how the English lost Ambonia, which is now the best flower in the hollanders gardine . . ." (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 252), but the East India Company's records do not list a John Nixon as having been employed at the factories in the period prior to 1679. As the lists of officers and men aboard ships owned or hired in the seventeenth century are incomplete it is impossible to state with certainty if Nixon was ever a servant of the East India Company or not.

He may also have worked in Virginia, for he remarked in his 1682 report (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 248) on the loading of ships there; but the knowledge may have been acquired second-hand. Whilst in Hudson Bay, Nixon's " true and lawfull attornies ", and the executors of his will, Thomas Plant and John Abell, were responsible for the maintenance of his daughter and for his " other business of . . . worldly concerns " (ibid., pp. 116, 296).

Sandford, Ezbon

Ezbon Sandford joined the service of the Hudson's Bay Company at least as early as 1672. In that year he was mate of the *Messenger* dogger (Captain Robert Morris) and spent the winter of 1672-73 in Hudson Bay. He was mate of the *Prince Rupert* (Captain Zachariah Gillam) during the voyage of 1674-75 and then he apparently left the Company's service. On January 20, 1681, the Committee decided to " retaine him immediatly into the Service of the Company against the next expedicion upon as reasonable tearmes as they can ", but the negotiations fell through as Sandford made " such extraordnary demands for his service ". In the following year it was Sandford who approached the Company and on February 3, 1682, he was engaged at £60 per annum, to begin from breaking ground at Gravesend, and until that time he was granted a weekly allowance of 12*s*. 0*d*. On March 3, 1682, Sandford was given command of the *Albemarle*, and on May 31 following the Committee appointed him Deputy Governor at Port Nelson, and Governor in the event of Governor John Bridgar's death. His sailing orders, dated May 15, 1682, instructed him to accompany the *Prince Rupert* (Captain Gillam) to Port Nelson, where he was to be under " the Governement and Direction " of John Bridgar. Sandford was ordered to assist in the establishment of Port Nelson, where he was to winter; in the spring he was to sail to Charlton Island and there " to lade and bring home the trade next yeare [1683] ". Sandford was related to the Gillams and for this reason, when the news of Benjamin Gillam's interloping expedition in the *Bachelor's Delight* reached the Committee, they decided they could not " wth. prudence continue him in the Command of the *Albemarle* ", and accordingly in April, 1683, issued instructions to that effect. It was arranged that Sandford was to return as a passenger on one of the other vessels and that Zachariah Gillam was to bring the *Prince Rupert* home after her cargo of furs had been transferred to the *Diligence* and *James*. But these precautions were unnecessary for both men had been dead for several months. Zachariah Gillam lost his life when the *Prince Rupert* was wrecked on October 21, 1682 (see *H.B.S.*, V, 230), and Sandford had died on October 6, 1682. Where and in what circumstances he died is not known. His wages were paid to his widow, Sarah, on December 5, 1683, and on February 6 following she was allowed £3 10*s.* 0*d.* as charity " by reason her husband lost his life in the Compa. Service ".

Walker, Nehemiah

Nehemiah Walker was a son of William Walker, the Hudson's Bay stockholder, and a brother of William Walker the attorney, and of James Walker. In an affidavit dated June 14, 1687 (P.R.O., C.O., 134/1, p. 203), he described himself as of " Rederith " (Rotherhithe), and stated that he was aboard the *Wivenhoe* pink when she arrived at Port Nelson River in September, 1670. He was acting as second or assistant to Governor Charles Bayly, landing on the north shore with him and being present on the following day when formal possession was taken of the territories in the King's name. By way of token the party " nayld up the King's Armes in Brasse on a Small Tree ". The landing party returned to the *Wivenhoe* " and ymediately the said pinck was by Storme forced out of the said River, and they could not gett her back againe, and Soe they made their way with her to the Bottome of the Bay " to winter at Rupert River. Thomas Gorst's journal (see Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 290) makes one brief reference to Walker being at Rupert River on April 18, 1671. He returned to England that year and on December 12, 1671, was amongst the men called upon by the Committee to give an account of the disposal of the *Wivenhoe's* cargo (*H.B.S.*, V, 14). For the voyage he received £40 as wages (A.14/1, fo. 113). At some time during this early period it appears that Nehemiah Walker was a stockholder in the Hudson's Bay Company, but it is not possible to say exactly when, as his account has been confused with that of his father (see p. 337, and *H.B.S.*, V, xlii-iii). It is probable that Nehemiah Walker's holding, which he disposed of to his father some time in 1674, was acquired as security to the Company for his good conduct whilst in Hudson Bay. On his return from the voyage of 1670-71, Nehemiah Walker retired and his name did not again appear in the Company's records until October 23, 1678 (A.15/1, fo. 26), by which time he had " quit a good Employment to come into the Service of the Company " for a salary of £200 per annum (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 49). In April, 1679, he was given command of the fireship *John and Alexander*, which was lent to the Company by the King, and he sailed for Hudson Bay in the late spring of 1679. He carried as passenger the newly-appointed Governor of the Company's forts, John Nixon, whose account of the voyage, written in 1682, revealed Walker as a quarrelsome drunkard (ibid., pp. 258-61). Walker arrived in the Downs on the return voyage on December 11, 1679 (A.6/1, fo. 5), and up to January 28, 1680, it was evidently understood that he should continue in the Company's service, for on that day Richard Lucas was directed by the Committee " to apply to Captain Walker to be his Mate in the next Expedicion " (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 30). But on March 10, 1680, the *Prudent Mary*, Captain Richard Greenway, was chartered (ibid., p. 46) and by this arrangement Walker was " now destitute of all Employment " (ibid., p. 49). As compensation, he was granted " full pay by way of Gratuity from his first entring into the Service together with the odd money of 11*li.* 7. 5*d.* which wth. his allowed Accot." amounted to £150, instead of being paid at the full rate of £200 per annum only during the time he had actual command of the *John and Alexander* (ibid.). On January 26, 1681, Sir James Hayes was requested by the Committee to treat with Walker regarding his re-entry into the Company's service, but Walker's terms of £100 down and £200 on his return from Hudson Bay were considered unreasonable (ibid., p. 103) and the matter was allowed to rest for a few weeks. Eventually Walker presented himself to the Committee on March 2, 1681 (ibid., p. 109), and submitted " himselfe to pleasure of the Committee in all things " (ibid.), and thereafter helped in the business of preparing the ships for the 1681 voyage. It was on his recommendation that the *Diligence*, of about one hundred and fifty tons burden, was chartered from Mr. Francis Raynsford for the 1681 voyage (ibid., pp. 109, 117). Walker was appointed to the command of this vessel and early in June, 1681, sailed for Hudson Bay. An account of his arrival at Charlton Island was given by Governor Nixon in his report of 1682 (ibid., p. 263). Walker, according to the Committee's instructions (A.6/1, fo. 12), wintered at Charlton Island and as Nixon was unable, by reason of bad weather, to cross to his headquarters at Moose River, they were obliged to live in the same house during the winter of 1681-82. So far, only Nixon's account of that winter has come to light (*H.B.S.*, VIII, pp. 265-74), and once again Walker appears as a quarrelsome drunkard. The *Diligence* reached England at the end of September, 1682 (p. 23), but the Committee apparently gave little heed to Nixon's complaint, for on March 9, 1683, the *Diligence* was again chartered and the command once more given to Nehemiah Walker (p. 82). His sailing orders, dated April 27, 1683 (A.6/1, fo. 33d.), instructed him to make for Charlton Island and to carry the new

Governor, Henry Sergeant, as passenger. If he met any interlopers he was " to seize them, together wth. all Goods which shall be on board, the one halfe to the use of his Majesty, the other halfe for the use of the Compa." (A.6/1, fo. 33d.). He soon had an opportunity to put these orders into effect, for whilst in Hudson Strait the *Diligence* came upon the " *Expectation* alias the *Charles* ", commanded by Richard Lucas, late of the Company's service, and bound on an interloping voyage to Hudson Bay for the benefit of Charles Boone and partners. According to the account of the incident given by Lucas to his owners (see pp. 280-81), when Walker could not get him on board the *Diligence* by means of an invitation to dine, the *Expectation* was boarded and her captain and crew were made prisoners. The *Expectation* was wrecked on the east point of Charlton Island on August 20, 1683, and such goods as were salvaged from her (valued at £76 19*s.* 7*d.*) and her crew were brought to England in the *Diligence* (A.15/2, fo. 78d.). News of Walker's arrival in the Downs reached the Committee on October 26, 1683, and it was ordered that if he should be arrested " as to any thing he has done in and aboute the takeing the Interloper ", certain members of the Committee, including his father, should be bail for him (p. 143). The Committee then gave their attention to " Severall Complaintes " against Walker which had reached their ears and on November 9, 1683, it was ordered that the charges and answers were to be drawn up in writing (p. 150). The matter was still outstanding on January 7, 1684 (p. 186), but by January 14, the Committee had decided that on account of " the ill and evill carridg of Capt. Nehe. Walker to Governr. Sergent and his family in their passage to Hudsons Bay " he should no longer be employed by the Company (p. 189). Confirmation of this decision was given in the Deputy Governor and Committee's letter of May 16, 1684, to Governor Sergeant (A.6/1, fo. 47), when they wrote that on account of Walker's " ill manidging that affaire in takeing Jenings the Interloper & his disrespect to you & your Family in your passage to Hudsons Bay " they had been caused " for this Expedition to lay him aside ". On February 15, 1684, Walker petitioned to have his account with the Company adjusted, pleading his " necessatous condition " (p. 200), and on March 26 the Committee granted him a loan of £50 (p. 220). This amount was finally written off as a loss on November 10, 1694 (A.15/4, fo. 78). On March 16, 1685, Nehemiah Walker offered the Company a ship for their service and applied to be re-instated, but " after long Debate of the matter it was put to the vote ", his offer was rejected and the minute of January 14, 1683 (p. 189), dispensing with his services, confirmed (A. 1/8, fo. 19d.). With his dismissal Walker's direct connection with the Company ceased, but from time to time his name appeared in the minutes in connection with the legal actions brought by the interlopers against both the Company and himself. He was imprisoned on several occasions during the early months of 1684 (pp. 185-97 214, 236) at the suits of the interlopers and was bailed and defended by the Company. Money was also provided for his expenses. It seems probable that he was the Nehemiah Walker of London, mariner, who bequeathed everything to his wife, Anne, by will dated June 21, 1688, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on July 12, 1690 (Somerset House, P.C.C., Dyke 118).

Walker, William (senior)

Owing to confusion in the early records (see *H.B.S.*, V, xlii-iii), it is not possible to say exactly when William Walker, goldsmith, of the Strand, first became an adventurer in the Hudson's Bay Company. But his account in the ledger (A.14/1, fos. 57d.-58) shows that he acquired £100 stock as early as May 5, 1670, and that a further £50 was acquired on July 2 following. His name did not appear in the printed List of Adventurers dated November, 1673 (*The Beaver*, March, 1936, p. 17,) but his son, Nehemiah Walker, appeared therein as the holder of £150 stock, although there was no account in his name in the ledger. If, as it has been presumed (*H.B.S.*, V, 54, 103, 120), it was William Walker who was present at the General Courts held on November 17, 1673, and on May 8 and June 29, 1674, he was there either as an adventurer in his own right, or he was acting on behalf of his son, Nehemiah. At the Court of June 29, 1674, it was " ordred that Mr. Walker offreing to pay in fifety poundes Stocke more to this Company " he should " bee admitted into the Company for Soe much more Stocke besides what hee is already concerned therein " (ibid., p. 120). The payment of £50 was, according to William Walker's account (A.14/1, fo. 58), made on July 22, 1674. An unsigned and undated entry in A.43/1, fo. 3d., records that Nehemiah Walker transferred £200 stock to William Walker, apparently some time in 1674, and William's name appeared against that amount in the printed List of Adventurers dated November 1, 1675 (*The Beaver*, March, 1936, p. 18). This holding of £200 in the name of William Walker remained intact for the next five years, but the Book of Assignments (A.43/1, fos. 9d.-16) shows that £300 stock was bought on February 18, 1678, and sold the next day; another £300 was bought on March 10, 1679, to be sold two days later, and £200 was acquired on September 18 and sold on September 26, 1679. Nothing is known of the prices paid for the stock, but the short intervals between buying and selling suggest speculative transactions profitable to Walker. On December 3, 1680, he disposed of his holding of £200 to Christopher Yates (ibid., fo. 24), but he became an adventurer again on July 9 of the following year, when he bought £100 stock from Sir Rice Rudd (ibid., fo. 26d.). This amount was increased to £200 by a purchase from Christopher Yates on November 21, 1681 (ibid., fo. 28), and the holding remained intact until October 8, 1685, when Walker sold £100 stock to John Bradley. Walker sold his remaining £100 stock to John Pickering on March 26, 1687 (A.40/1, fos. 24d.-25). Although his holding was at no time a large one, Walker appears always to have taken an active part in the Company's affairs. Meetings of the Committee were held at his house in the Strand on several occasions (*H.B.S.*, V, 52, 60, 73, 74), and during the period December 20, 1675, to June 18, 1676, he made cash payments on behalf of the Committee amounting to £3,305 13*s.* 7*d.* (A.14/2, fos. 70d.-71). At the Committee meeting held on April 28, 1680 (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 57), " Mar. Walkers Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements for the 5 or 6 last yeares " were produced; some of the details of payments are printed in *H.B.S.*, VIII, 310-19. It was at Walker's home in the Strand that Governor Charles Bayly died on January 6, 1680, and it was to his care that the Committee entrusted the arrangements for the funeral (*H.B.S.*, VIII, 19). Other services performed by Walker are referred to in the present volume and in *H.B.S.*, VIII. Walker was elected to the Committee in November of 1682, 1683 and 1684, and during his first year of office he held the record for attendance at meetings, appearing 78 times (p. 163). During 1683-84 he and Richard Cradock shared the record, with 105 attendances each (A.1/8, fo. 3), but in 1684-85 Walker was only present on 76 occasions as against 93 appearances made by Samuel Clarke, who attended most meetings during that year (A.1/84, fo. 6). During August and September, 1685, a Subcommittee met frequently to audit the Company's accounts (A.1/8, fo. 41), and on September 14 they " viewed over some thinges of Mr. Walkers Accts.", and because " some Difficulties " appeared the Secretary was ordered to " bring before the next Committee all his bills & view over all the bookes & Accts. & see what Monies has beene pd. him & Sr. James Hayes [q.v.] from tyme to tyme " (ibid., fo. 44). Two days later the Subcommittee " perused Mr. Wm. Walkers bills " and the Secretary was ordered to request Mr. Walker to give particulars of those objected to by the Committee (ibid.). On September 18, 1685, it was recorded that as Walker " wold give the Grand Committee sattisfaction . . . at their first meeting ", the Subcommittee would " decist in the farther examination of his bills " (ibid., fo. 44d.), but the matter remained outstanding for many months. On February 10, 1686, Walker requested the Committee for permission to transfer his remaining £100 stock to John Letten, but as he had " an Acct. Open with the Company " it was ordered that " that Accompt be first Settled ere any transfer bee Suffered to bee made " (A.1/84, fo. 17). Walker's accounts again came up for discussion on February 17 and 19, 1686 (ibid., fo. 18), but apparently nothing more was done and the matter remained unsettled until November 21, 1694, when his account was closed and the sum of £48 1*s.* 4*d.* carried to Profit and Loss Account (A. 14/5, fo. 36; A.15/4, fo. 78-78d.). In the meantime, on March 26, 1687, Walker had sold his remaining £100 stock to John Pickering. Although Walker took such an active part in the Company's affairs, very little is known about the man himself. He is listed in Sir Ambrose Heal's *The London Goldsmiths* 1200-1800 . . . (Cambridge, 1935), pp. 54 and 262, as a goldsmith (1683-89) at the Black Lion, near Durham Yard, Strand, and his name is found as one of the executors to the will of Sir John Griffith (*H.B.S.*, V, 231). Three of Walker's sons entered the Company's service. One was William Walker, the attorney, referred to in *H.B.S.*, VIII, passim, another was Captain Nehemiah Walker (q.v.), and the third was James Walker (p. 83).

Yonge, William

From 1670 to 1708 the signature " Will. Yonge " often appears in the Hudson's Bay Company's records and although he took an active part in its affairs during that time there is not much known about him. He was the fourth son of Sir John Yonge, Baronet, of Colyton, Devon, and of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Strode, Knight. William Yonge was baptised at Colyton on September 6, 1631, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, on February 13, 1649. He was admitted to the Middle Temple on June 11, 1650, and was " called to the degree of the Utter Bar " on February 11, 1659. He first became connected with the Hudson's Bay Company on July 21, 1670 (A.14/1, fo. 61), when he acquired £300 stock. This amount was increased to £900 by two further purchases of £300 each in March, 1679, and at this time Yonge was described as " esquire " of the parish of St. Martins in the Fields (A.43/1, fo. 12d.). He assigned £700 of his stock to Sir Christopher Wren on October 2, 1682, but bought it back on October 17 of the following year, and his holding amounted to £900 until October 4, 1684, when he sold £300 worth to Thomas Goodall of Barnard's Inn.

Goodall's son, Thomas, was later to marry Yonge's daughter, Barbara. Yonge's holding of £600 was increased by £25 on October 29, 1684, and by a further £175 on February 10, following. The new holding of £800 remained intact until January 19, 1687, when £100 worth was sold. On February 17 and March 2 following further sales to the amount of £300 were made, and the balance of £400 was held by Yonge until September 4, 1690, when it was increased to £1,200 by the trebling of the Company's stock. On June 24, 1691, the total amount of £1,200 was sold to Samuel Cudworth and for the first time for more than twenty years Yonge ceased to be an adventurer. On December 16, 1691, Yonge became an adventurer again by acquiring £1,200 stock from John Churchill, Earl of Marlborough, who had just entered his seventh year as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. According to the Company's Stock Ledger (A.40/1, fo. 51d.), this transaction closed the Earl's account and officially brought to an end his connection with the Company, although a new governor was not elected until November, 1692. In *Caesars of the Wilderness*, p. 260, Miss Nute remarks, " there seems to have been some special connection between William Young and Churchill. Young was always the go-between when the Company needed Churchill's assistance ", and confirmation of this special connection is not only to be found in the Committee minutes, but also in the fact that some, if not all, of the £1,200 stock acquired by Yonge on December 16, 1691, was held in trust for the Earl of Marlborough. Yonge held the £1,200 stock intact until March 15, 1693, when he assigned £300 worth to Sir Stephen Evance, and in the Book of Assignments (A.43/2, fo. 79), at the end of the record of this transaction there is a note, apparently made in Yonge's own writing which reads : " out that I held this 300 *li* Stock in trust for the Rt. Honble. the earle of Marlborough and doe transferr it by his order & direction ". There is nothing in the Company's books to show that the remaining £900 was held in trust by Yonge for Marlborough. If it had been it could, presumably, have been acquired by Yonge in his own name by a private arrangement with the Earl and without reference to the Company's books. Yonge increased the balance of £900 by a purchase of £200 stock on November 30, 1693, and this amount of £1,100 was kept intact until March 29, 1700, when he sold £500 worth. He still held the remaining £600 worth at the time of his death late in 1708 or in the first days of 1709. Yonge was always active in the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company. At least as early as November, 1679, he was elected a Committee Member, and he was re-elected at the General Courts of November, 1680, 1681, 1682 and 1683. His activities during this period can be studied in *H.B.S.*, VIII and herein. He retired from the Committee in November, 1684, but served again during 1686-87. Perhaps his most important work during this period was his preparation of the Company's case against France for the negotiations of 1687. He served on the Committee once more during 1687-88 and then yielded his place to another adventurer, but on February 22, 1689, he and Richard Cradock were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the recent deaths of John Letten and Stephen Pitts. Yonge served until November, 1689. He was next elected to the Committee on March 17, 1699, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel Shephard and he remained in office until his own death late in 1708 or in the first days of 1709. Yonge was always a strong supporter of Pierre Esprit Radisson in his differences with the Company. (See Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, passim.) It was Yonge who got into touch with him in 1684 and persuaded him to come to London to meet Sir James Hayes and other members of the Committee. This meeting led to the Frenchman's re-entry into the Company's service and to a vote of thanks, accompanied by " a present of 7 musquash skins ", from the Committee to Yonge " as a Gratuety for his expence & trouble in that Negotiation " (A.1/7, fo. 43-43d.). It was Yonge, who, on the return of the ships from the 1684 voyage to Hudson Bay, presented Radisson to King James II. The King, though no longer Governor, retained a personal and financial interest in the fortunes of the Hudson's Bay Company. (Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 226-7). Yonge acted as intermediary when Radisson was bargaining with the Committee in the spring of 1685, and on December 16, 1692, he wrote to the Committee giving an outline of Radisson's career and requesting that the cut of £50 made from his agreed annual allowance of £100 per annum should be restored. This letter and the Company's uncompromising reply dated March 8, 1693, are printed in Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 332-43. In 1694 Radisson instituted a suit in Chancery against the Company to recover the £50 per annum and his other rights, and besides having Yonge's active support he had his friend's son-in-law, Thomas Goodall, for attorney. The case was settled in Radisson's favour in January, 1697. Yonge's stock in the Hudson's Bay Company, together with all his " Lands and Fee farms Rents " and his stock in the Africa Company, was bequeathed to his executor and son-in-law, Thomas Goodall, Esq., of Gray's Inn. Goodall sold the £600 Hudson's Bay stock on May 20, 1720. Yonge's will, dated June 14, 1703, and proved on January 5, 1709, is printed in Nute, *Caesars of the Wilderness*, pp. 354-5. In this will Yonge described himself as of the parish of St. Andrew's, Holborn. Besides his

Hudson's Bay and Africa Company stock, he held stock " of the Mines in Cardiganshire and elsewhere in the principallity of Wales ", and the first £500 " due from them " after his decease was bequeathed " In Trust for the benefitt of the poor Children " of Christ's Hospital. The remaining " Right Title and Interest in the said Mines " was left to the children of his daughter, Barbara, and her husband Thomas Goodall. But the Mines appear to have been an unprofitable investment, for the Clerk of Christ's Hospital states that his records show only that one of the Governors claimed the £500 in trust on August 28, 1711, and that on December 11 and 24, 1738, amounts totalling £28 16*s.* 11*d.* were received by the Hospital. Other beneficiaries under Yonge's will were his " Brother and Sister Goodall ", " their Sisters Mrs. Pattison and Mrs. Pilson ", and his " Sister Mrs. Susannah Goodall ". To the last named he bequeathed all his " Pictures in the staircase and elsewhere in her present dwelling house ", except the " Family Pictures ", which he gave to his daughter. He gave and forgave Pierre Esprit Radisson a debt of £53, and besides the bequests to Thomas Goodall noted above he gave him his " Interest and Joynt stock in the Company for raising water by Fire known by the name of Captain Thomas Savery's invention ", his interest in " Mr. Neales Million Lottery and the Malt Lottery ", his " Interest in a Pattent granted to Mr. Hadley ", which he had bought of Dr. Wall, and all his other goods, leases of houses and lands. Yonge married Jane, the seventh daughter of Sir John Drake, Baronet, of Ashe, Devon, and in the Drake pedigree in Burke's *Dormant and Extinct Baronetcies* he was described as " William Yonge of Castleton Dorsetshire ". (See *The Visitations of the County of Devon . . .* 1531, 1564, *and* 1620; Joseph Foster (ed.), *Alumni Oxonienses . . .* 1500-1714; C. T. Martin (ed.), *Minutes of the Parliament of the Middle Temple*, Volume III, 1650-1703; and J. Burke and J. B. Burke (eds.), *. . . Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies*).

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